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HITCH IN HO'S NOMINATION

To Attend
KMT Session?

Unconfirmed reports from Canton yesterday said that President Chiang Kai-shek will attend the Seventh National Congress of the Kuomintang next month.

The date for convening the Congress has not yet been fixed.

President Chiang Kai-shek is still Tsung Tsai-Director-General of the Kuomintang.

One report added that President Chiang is preparing an important manifesto for the approval of the Congress.

The manifesto will define the Kuomintang's policy in regard to the peace talks between the Communist Party and the Central Government of China.

Nationalists Maintain Majority

Johannesburg, March 11. The Nationalist Party of Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, has won a majority with 86 seats in the Union Provincial Council elections.

General Smuts' United Party secured 78 seats. The final state of the parties were:

Transvaal: Nationalists 34, United Party 27, Independent 2, Labour 2, one seat vacant.

Cape Province: Nationalists 20, United Party 28, Labour one, Orange Free State: Nationalists 24, United Party one.

Natal: Nationalists 2, United Party 22, Independent 1.

One of the three Independents will support the Nationalists.

Dr. Malan, fighting the elections on the Nationalist "apartheid" policy of racial segregation, failed to obtain the sweeping victories which would have given definite electoral support to this policy.

His party has done no more than maintain the gains made in last year's general election, when it defeated the United Party.

In the 1943 provincial elections, the Nationalists won 48 seats and the United Party 97. A party's gain in the present provincial elections should reflect itself in increased strength in the Senate of the Union next November.

Members of the provincial council and members of Parliament met as a college to elect members to the Senate, who in November complete their ten-year term of office.—Reuter.

Tremor Rocks Town In New S. Wales

Sydney, March 11.

Terrified residents of Dalton, a town of 500 people, 130 miles South West of Sydney, rushed into the streets today as cracks appeared in brick and concrete buildings during an earth tremor.

Wooden buildings swayed crazily but no serious damage was reported.

The Riverview observatory, Sydney, said that the tremor was the worst since 1939, and more widespread than on that occasion.

A large part of Southern New South Wales felt the tremor. Buildings in Sydney, and its suburbs were shaken, and in Canberra, the shocks were the severest ever experienced there.

The tremor, which appeared to be centred in the Dalton area, lasted from 20 seconds to one minute.

Dalton residents said that the main shock was followed by a series of tremors at quarter hour intervals.—Reuter.

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Premiership May Be Offered To Chu Cheng PEACE TALKS HAZY

Nanking, March 11.

A hitch in the nomination of General Ho Ying-chin, former minister of Defence, as the Nationalist Premier to succeed Dr. Sun Fo, has developed, according to unconfirmed reports tonight from Hangchow, in Chekiang Province, where General Ho is staying temporarily.

General Ho was expected to fly to Nanking this afternoon with Generals Chang Chi-chung and Poi Chung-hsi and Mr. Wu Chung-hsi, to await the approval of his nomination for the premiership by the Legislative Yuan and to begin selecting his cabinet ministers.

However, up to a late hour today, General Chang's party which flew to Hangchow to fetch General Ho this morning, had not returned to the capital.

Yesterday, General Chang and Mr. Wu Chung-hsi returned from Chikow, near Fenghua, where they were reported to have obtained Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's approval for General Ho's nomination.

This, however, was reported to have been given reluctantly by the retired president, the news of which, observers think, may have caused General Ho to reconsider his earlier reported acceptance of the premiership.

One local newspaper report here said that General Chang Chi-chung took a letter to General Ho from Chiang Kai-shek.

Change Possible

Meanwhile, in Nanking, sources close to Acting President Li Tsung-jen, said that it was possible that changes might develop in connection with the nomination of the premier to be sent to the Legislative Yuan for approval.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen was understood to be now considering offering the premiership to Dr. Chu Cheng, former Judicial Yuan President, and one of the founders, with the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, of the Chinese Republic.

Dr. Chu Cheng, a graduate of the Tokyo Law College, is said to be now beyond the influence of Chikow.

Aged 73, he held the Presidency of the Judicial Yuan for more than 10 years.

General Ho Ying-chin's nomination as the new premier of Nationalist China was the direct result of the approval given by Chiang Kai-shek, who chose him from a list of four prominent Nationalist leaders submitted to him.

The names were—General Ho Ying-chin, General Chang Chun, General Chang Chi-chung and Mr. Shao Li-tse.

Sources close to Acting President Li Tsung-jen said that the names were submitted by General Chang Chi-chung and Mr. Wu Chung-hsi, liaison officer between the Generalissimo and the acting-president, who returned to Nanking yesterday from several days' sojourn at Chikow.

Their mission for President Li was to ascertain Chiang Kai-shek's views on who should be China's next premier to succeed Dr. Sun Fo and endeavour to persuade Chiang to relinquish his powers and go abroad.

The Generalissimo is understood to have at first told the mission that as Acting President Li had taken office, it was unnecessary for him to nominate "his man" for the premiership.

Only after considerable persuasion did the Generalissimo reluctantly changed his attitude and selected General Ho from the list.

He is understood to have declined the suggestion that he should hand over full powers to Acting President Li and go abroad.

Observers say that Chiang Kai-shek still holds the real power in Nationalist China unofficially, through the loyalty of his secret police and many army commanders, as well as a big following of Kuomintang conservatives.

After General Chang Chi-chung had ascertained the Generalissimo's final views, he endeavoured to fly to Hangchow to pick up General Ho and to bring him to Nanking, but his plans were thwarted by bad weather. This was Generalissimo's first visit to another close supporter of General Li Tsung-jen.

Reds Attack Tahokow

Nanking, March 11.

More than 10,000 Communists, supported by heavy artillery, were attacking Tahokow, 10 miles West of the centre of the Nationalist Yangtze river North bank bridgehead at Yichang, and about 30 miles East of Nanking, according to reports from Chinkiang today.

Artillery and machine-gun fire could be heard this afternoon in Yichang. The fate of Tahokow was unknown.

A Communist column, rapidly moving South, has reached Tienchang, and was expected to provide reinforcements for the Communists at the bridgehead fighting, Chinkiang reports said.—Reuter-A.P.

Associated Press reports that the Chinese Government today pushed its plans for an early opening of peace talks, but official quarters disclosed that the Communists have not yet made any positive commitment to negotiate.

Acting President Li is rushing the formation of the new Cabinet, whose principal task will be to make peace with the Communists.

The new Cabinet will inherit only the hazy assurance that the Communists will talk peace. Wishful thinking in Government quarters is regarded as primarily responsible for the widespread feeling in Nationalist China that an opening of negotiations is imminent.

Dr. Sun Fo last week told a press conference that the Government based its assumption that negotiations would begin on or about March 15 on the verbal statement of a Communist spokesman. This was "sometime" after March 15 may be the opening time to begin peace talks.

March 15 is about to roll around and it was pointed out that little or none of the elaborate preparation or machinery for conducting peace negotiations is in motion.

There has been no indication from the Communists of the final decision to talk peace, under what circumstances and upon what terms. Government preparation has been largely stalled awaiting the formation of the new Cabinet. The peace proposal committee is reported to be ready with its initial recommendations but only in the most preliminary fashion.

Both sides are meanwhile recognizing and reinforcing their armies. The Communists are repairing necessary railroads and laying other groundwork which would allow them to undertake a large-scale crossing of the Yangtze.

The majority of political observers view the peace prospects with distinct pessimism. It is felt that the tremendous public

desire for peace is forcing both sides to go through at least the motions of negotiation.

There is no doubt that both camps want peace. But the respective minimum peace terms are believed mutually unacceptable.

Meanwhile, the resumption of shipping services between Communist and Nationalist China will get underway as soon as the Nationalist authorities give their approval. Mr. Wei Wen-han, head of Shanghai's six-man delegation to North China, told newsmen at Shanghai today.

Mr. Wei said that the Reds had agreed to the restoration of the sea link between Communist North China and Nationalist controlled territories and designated Tientsin as the centre of operations.

Other members of the delegation revealed that the resumption of shipping will be based on three general principles—shipping service in Chinese territorial waters will be conducted exclusively by Chinese vessels, transport of goods should follow the most economical and direct route and full consideration must be given to navigation safety.

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3—Ships will be allowed to enter any port or harbour for repairs in the event of an emergency.

4—River pilots must be of Chinese nationality.

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The intervention of the Central Bank and the tight money string in Nanking caused a decline in foreign currency and gold quotations today, but prices of commodities and foodstuffs continued their upward climb.

United States dollar sagged to 5,800 this morning from the peak of 6,500 48 hours ago, but recovered slightly in the afternoon.

According to the Shanghai Evening Post, the Central Bank entered all markets with seemingly unlimited resources to satisfy all demands in gold, exchange certificates and even textiles, after enlisting the cooperation of the state-owned China Textiles Industries.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Explosion In Germany Kills 11

Brunswick, March 11. An explosion in a British dump near Brunswick killed 11 persons and injured more than 30 today.

It was not immediately known whether any British officials were among the casualties.

The dump is staffed mainly by Germans. The injured were taken to hospital.

The casualty figures were issued by the German police. The dump is operated by the Disposal Branch of the Ministry of Supply.—Associated Press.

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WILL HEAD NEW GOVT



Bao Dai (centre), ex-Emperor of Annam, is seen at a cocktail party in Paris. Bao Dai and the French Government announced that they have reached an agreement under which Bao Dai will organize a new Indo-Chinese Government. In this manner France hopes to end the current war in Indo-China.—AP Photo.

Govt Requisitions Four More Vacant Premises

Armed with authority from the Deputy Colonial Secretary, Eastern District police seized control of four vacant residential premises on the island yesterday.

This is the second move of its kind since October on the part of the authorities concerned in their campaign to solve Hong Kong's housing problem and wipe out the key money racket.

The premises requisitioned yesterday are at No. 6, Babington Path, No. 521, Queen's Road, West (ground floor), No. 50, Village Road (ground floor) and No. 69, Jervois Road (ground floor).

A Government spokesman said yesterday that the premises have been observed to be vacant for some time in spite of the acute housing difficulties in the Colony.

At Fair Rentals The requisitioned premises will be allocated to members of the public at fair rentals, he said.

Owners of the property will be given a time limit in which to make representations in writing to the Deputy Colonial Secretary in respect of the requisitioned houses.

The first move on the part of Government to requisition vacant premises was taken on October 41 when 25 vacant flats and houses were commandeered.

Three were later released following representations to the Deputy Colonial Secretary by the owners.

The remainder was allocated to bona fide Hong Kong residents in need of housing.

The newly requisitioned houses will be allocated by the Allocation Committee of which Mr. D. Benson is the Chairman.

Registration For HKDF

Total registrations at Volunteer Headquarters yesterday were 1,250 for the Defence Force and 951 for the other services.

Of these, who had registered for the Defence Force, 231 were Europeans.

Old Volunteers who had signified their willingness to re-join numbered 140.

More than half chose to join the Hong Kong Regiment. The numbers were: Hong Kong Regiment (237), Navy (180), Air Force (125), Home Guard (100), Essential Services (50), and Women's Auxiliaries (107).

It was learned at Volunteer Headquarters yesterday that the screening process was still going on, and so far no further swearing in has taken place since Colonel Tide signed up as the first recruit.

THAT'S A LOT OF SHOOTING

Bangkok, March 11. Forty Siamese police needed 20 hours, 4,000 shots and two grenades to subdue a former Chinese soldier. He was wanted for assaulting his employer in Kan-buri.

The Chinese surrendered only after he was hit by 100 bullets, police said. He was wanted for assaulting his employer in Kan-buri.

He gave up when a grenade thrown by police and lying on the ground exploded near him, was hit by a rifle shot and burst.—Associated Press.

ISRAEL, TRANSJORDAN SIGN CEASE-FIRE PACT

Rhodes, March 11.

Israel and Transjordan today signed a formal cease-fire agreement here, to be effective until superseded by a general armistice. The agreement does not cover the sector of Central Palestine occupied by Transjordan's Iraqi allies.

United Press reports that agreement was reached as Transjordan sources reported fighting between Israeli and Arab Legion troops North of Akaba, Transjordan port on the Gulf of Akaba, which is garrisoned by British forces.

The two delegations agreed in principle to a cease-fire early last week in separate talks with the United Nations Acting Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, but some UN circles had expressed fear that a formal agreement might be delayed as a result of the Akaba reports.

A report from Tel Aviv says that the government today announced that Israeli forces have seized the five-mile coastal strip called Elath, at the Southernmost tip of Palestine, after a clash with the Arab Legion of Transjordan.

Israel's first confirmation of fighting in the border area came as Rhodes dispatches reported Israel and Transjordan had agreed to a cease-fire.

The United States and Britain have begun high-level talks in Washington and London on the flare-up in Palestine, according to authoritative sources in London.

The Transjordan Government said today that battles between its Arab Legion troops and Israeli forces are still in progress.

No Indication There has been no definite indication of the results of the reported battles in the border area near the British garrisoned port of Akaba. Arab Legion reinforcements have been proceeding to Akaba since last night, the Government said.

In London Mr. Hector McNall, British "Minister of State," told the House of Commons today that Transjordan has reported Israeli forces thrust some miles into Transjordan territory, raided a police outpost and withdrew.

He said another report received from King Abdullah's British-favoured Government told of a movement of a considerable force of Israeli troops toward the Gulf of Akaba.

The troops are reported to have reached the gulf, he said.

He added that no British troops have been involved in actions resulting from the movements.—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

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MR. W. J. KEATES FULLY CONSCIOUS

Mr. W. J. Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald," has recovered full consciousness and is believed to be out of danger.

A report from Queen Mary hospital stated, however, that he cannot yet receive visitors.

Mr. Keates was involved in a tram accident on February 14.

Labourite Wins UK By-Election

London, March 11.

The Labour Party retained its seat in the Parliamentary by-election in the North St. Pancras, London, division last night—thus maintaining the party's record of not losing any seat it won in the 1945 general election.

The results were: Mr. Kenneth Robinson, Labour, 10,185; Mr. Neil Stoddart, Conservative, 11,118; and Mr. John Mahon, Communist, 845 votes.

The general election figures in 1945 were: Labour 10,738 votes, Conservative 9,108, Independent 403.

Another by-election will take place on March 16 at Sowerby, Yorkshire, caused by the resignation of Mr. John Bole, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, after being censured by the recent Lynskey Tribunal.—Reuter.

Wait-And-See Attitude In Shanghai

Shanghai's residents have given up guessing what will happen next, and have settled down to wait.

"Whatever happens next, they are prepared," declared Mr. A.H. Brown of the British-American Tobacco Company, who is passing through the Colony on his way to the United Kingdom for home leave. He expects to leave by BOAC on Saturday.

Mr. Brown, 39 years a resident in China, said that it was now just a matter of time before Communist influence would be felt in Shanghai. He said there was little reaction to the resignation of Dr. Sun Fo.

Mr. Brown will be returning to Shanghai sometime in August. He expressed the hope that his family would be able to come out again from the United Kingdom, where they were evacuated at the time of the "big scare" over the Communist advance late last year.

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Today's Forecast—Light variable or southerly winds. Cloudy with scattered drizzle. Mist and fog at first. Clearing during the day.

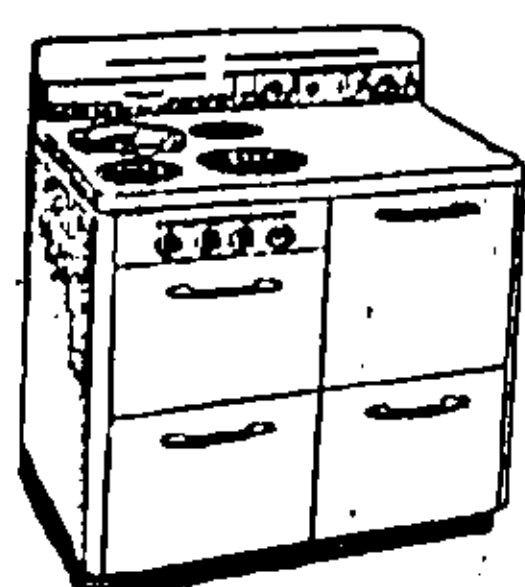
Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 74.7 deg. Fah. Minimum: 60.8 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 0.8 hours.

Rainfall: 0.1 mm.—0.004 inch. Total since Jan. 1—129.0 mm.—5.08 inches as against an average of 103.9 mm.—4.09 inches.

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Banditry Reported In Kwangtung

Widespread banditry and intensified Communist operations in Kwangtung province have been recorded during the past week, according to reports from Canton yesterday.

Vernacular press messages said that a well-equipped Communist force crossed the Hainan Straits from Hainan Island to seize temporary control of Luichow city. They withdrew after raiding government supply depots.

Bandits operating in the North East and West river valleys have encircled a number of big county towns. The towns are at the mercy of the bandits as Government reinforcements for the affected areas are not available.

Similar reports come from Kunming, provincial seat of Yunnan. The provincial Government has suspended postal services beyond the boundaries of the capital after several postal caravans had been ambushed and robbed.

Bandits have also made attacks on the Yunnan-Indo-China railway. In one instance they removed some sleepers. Derailment was avoided only by a timely warning from railway guards.

Armed gangs are also active along the Yunnan-Kweichow highway preying on commercial caravans and government supply trucks.

In Southern Kwangtung, a force of some 200 Communist

troops raided Hoiping city. Outnumbered, the small Government garrison called for reinforcements.

The raiders retreated leaving behind more than 10 killed. Three of their men were taken prisoner. Government troops suffered four dead.

May Visit Relatives In Japan

The Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in Japan has authorized individuals to enter Japan for the purpose of visiting immediate relatives who are Japanese nationals or who are foreign nationals and who were permanent residents of Japan prior to December, 1941.

Immediate relatives are defined as grandparents, parents, children, grandchildren (including by adoption), brothers or sisters, husbands and wives, said an official Hong Kong Government statement yesterday.

The programme is being authorized for compassionate reasons and will be under constant surveillance to insure that the terms under which it is authorized will not be violated.

Violations will lead to immediate scrutiny with a view to revocation of the programme. Visitors to Japan will have to complete their visits and return to the port of embarkation in time to departure within 60 days after their arrival in Japan.

Visitors will not be permitted to convert Yen into other currencies on departure from Japan.

Full details, instructions and form for application for entry into Japan for the purpose of visiting relatives can be obtained from the Immigration Office, Oriental Building.

Bail Reduced For Alleged Swindlers

On the successful application made by Messrs. Russ and Comber at Central yesterday, Mr. F. X. d'Almada granted a further reduction in bail in the case of two men and two women involved in an alleged swindle.

Mr. Russ said that his friend, Mr. Silva was unable to attend but Mr. Comber will make a similar application of a reduction in bail.

The defendants arrested have been kept in custody for three weeks on charges of larceny by trickery and conspiracy. They have been trying hard to raise the necessary money to put up bail and have been unable to do so.

The granting of an excessive bail is tantamount to the denial of justice—continued Mr. Russ.

Bail was originally fixed at HK\$200,000 half in cash and half in surety and later it was reduced to \$150,000, half in cash and half in surety. Now bail has been fixed at \$130,000, half in cash and half in two sureties to be approved.

Mr. Comber said the first two defendants are husband and wife and have business of their own. If one is granted bail in a smaller amount and the other kept in custody, surely one would not leave the other.

Opposition

Sub Inspector Moore said that he had opposed the reduction of bail before and would oppose again. He said the sums involved are large and, therefore, bail must be proportionally high.

Mr. d'Almada is granting a reduction of bail said that the amount involved is considerable. It has never been the aim of the prosecution to deny bail in the sense that by calling a high bail in order that it may be prohibitive.

The prosecution has stressed that the charges upon the evidence before them disclosed a large amount involved in the alleged swindle nor is it the desire of the court to deny granting bail, bail being essentially in bond to ensure the attendance of the defendant at the trial.

Bail for each of the defendants is allowed at \$130,000, each, of them half in cash and half in two sureties to be approved.

The defendants Ng Yuk-ping and Tang Pak-ho are being defended by Mr. A. S. C. Comber, Shui Chu-wan alias Miss Lee is being represented by Mr. A. S. C. Russ and Yeung Su, by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Inquest Bares Tragic Story Of NT Murder

A tragic story of a widow's pregnancy, rape and eventual murder, was related before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday during an inquest into the death of a father and his son.

The verdict in the inquest was murder by To Chung-tai, aged 20, and his friend Wong Kai-cho, aged 25; both of whom escaped after committing the crime in June last year.

The dead were To Fung-chung, aged 54, and his son To Chap-yin. Medical evidence produced in court yesterday stated that they had died as a result of bullet wounds.

The story dated back to about the beginning of June 1948, in the Ta Kung Ling village in the New Territories, Kowloon, when a widow, Tsai Po, was rumored to be pregnant, the cause of which, was alleged to be To Fung-chung.

In spite of his repeated denials, the rumors persisted. Finally the old man tried to clear his name at a meeting of village elders.

Meanwhile the widow, Tsai Po, had said that the old man was not the cause of her condition, stating that she had been raped by a young man at the Border. Rumors however continued to circulate in the village.

A few days later the village hall became congested with people as the villagers gathered to pronounce their verdict upon To Fung-chung.

The old man and his son sat aside by side in the hall as the last of the village elders took his seat.

Tense Silence

A tense silence descended upon the hall as To Chung-tai, the woman's grown-up son walked in accompanied by his friend, Wong Kai-cho.

As proceedings were about to begin it was stated, To drew a pistol, a Colt .38, and in full view of the court, he fired at the old man who was crouched to the floor mortally wounded. He later died in the Kowloon Hospital.

To escaped during the confusion behind him, fast on his heels, was To Chap-yin, the old man's son.

It was stated that Wong Kai-cho drew his gun and fired on the old man's son, who dropped to the ground, outside.

He managed, however, to drag himself to the door of his home where he died in the arms of his wife.

In the commotion that ensued in the hall, Tsai Po, the alleged cause of the double tragedy, slipped quietly away and to this day, neither she nor her son or his friend can be traced despite persistent police investigations.

Manila Newsmen Arrives In HK

Assigned to cover China, Mr. William P. H. Ma, special correspondent for the Manila Chronicle and the Evening Chronicle, has arrived in Hong Kong.

Mr. Ma met local newspapermen at a luncheon at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday. The host was Mr. Hubert Wong G. I. President and General Manager of the Cosmos Acetated Water Company, Limited, Castle Peak Road.

Mr. Ma will leave shortly for Canton, Shanghai and Nanking. He will attempt to visit Peiping, now under the control of the Chinese Communists.

Reminders

Today

Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao.
Woodcuts and Lithography exhibition by Mr. Hwang Yung-yu, Fung Ping Shan Library, 9 a.m.
Vibro Pilling Co., Ltd., annual meeting, York Bldg., 1st fl., 12 noon.
HK Football Club dinner, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.
Queen's College annual sports, Causeway Bay, 1.30 p.m.
Opening of Sports Pavilion at 5 p.m.
Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament, Club ground.
Third Extra Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao.
To C. H. Club Classical Concert, Talbot House, 30, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Light Orchestra, concert of popular music, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao.
HK Art Club sketching party, members to assemble at the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf, 10.30 a.m.
MONDAY
HK Football Referees Association monthly meeting, 8.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Unexpected End To Land Dispute

There was an unexpected ending to the land dispute before Mr. Justice Reynolds yesterday, when the defendants consented to judgment without opening their case.

The dispute was in respect of the sale and erection of buildings on a piece of land at Shumshuipo. The plaintiffs were Lui Ki-yeung, Lui Fook-hong and Lui Kam-wah, merchants, executors of the will of Louis Leung, who originally bought the land from Government.

Louis Leung entered into an agreement with the defendants, Der Sing-chi and Tse Chak-sang, also merchants, on December 2nd, 1941, under which defendants were to put up buildings on the lot of a value of HK\$20,000. The buildings were to be completed by April 2, 1942, in consideration of which the title to the land and buildings was to be assigned to defendants.

Due to the intervention of the war, the buildings were never completed.

The plaintiffs, in their action, asked for a declaration that they, as executors of Louis Leung's estate, are the beneficial owners of the land, and also that defendants have no right or title or interest in the land. An order was sought for the removal from the Land Office Register of the registration of the agreement of December 2, 1941.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, and Mr. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr. V. J. L. Dalton was for the defendants.

The case opened on Thursday morning. On its resumption yesterday Mr. O'Alton informed the Court that the defendants had decided to consent to judgment. Judgment was accordingly given by Mr. Justice Reynolds in terms of plaintiffs' claim.

The Government, chartered, Silverlight plane took off for Karachi yesterday, carrying 18 Indian prison, wardens, from Stanley Prison.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MAY BY THE CROWN

A denial that he did not want the stores at the Hung Hom PWD depot to be well kept and recorded because he did not want it to be known if materials became missing, was made by Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector Grade I, at the 10th hearing of the PWD larceny trial yesterday.

For a good part of the day May was subjected to an intensive cross-examination by Crown Counsel, which will continue on Monday morning.

Standing trial with May is Kwok Kwong, foreman. Both are of the Public Works Department, jointly charged with three counts of larceny by public servant and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the government.

Resuming his evidence, from the witness stand, May gave further explanations on labour distribution. He told the court that the object of the Distribution Board at Hung Hom was to show the distribution of labour for all jobs on hand. It was also an indicator as to the progress of work. The board, he stated, was arranged in numerical order of the jobs. One could see at a glance the position of any job done on the Kowloon side.

Further details of the method of construction and arrangement of the Distribution Board as well as the procedure of making it up were given by May.

Accused further disclosed that there was auditing in January 1947 at Hung Hom. Except for a few particulars everything was found to be satisfactory. As a result of that, May said, he recommended that a suspense account be put on to give an accurate distribution of labour and also an accurate record of what was going on.

As regards stores, accused revealed, the suspense account suggested by him had already been approved by the Secretary of State.

Inventory System

Turning to the system of inventories, May stated that when he came to Hung Hom after the war there were no inventories of electrical installations. In March, he said, he started his new system of taking inventories, which went on until the time the police raided the Hung Hom depot.

Under the system which he devised, accused went on, materials were ordered from the Government stores at North Point for a particular job. When the job was completed an inventory was made out by the foreman. The occupant of the building then checked up the electrical installations against the inventory, after which he signed the inventory. Whenever any materials were left over from the job, he added, they were returned to the stores.

Replying to a query, May told the court that materials drawn from Warehouse depended on the number of men marked down for the particular job. If the job was an urgent one, as was the case in the Lai Chi Kok Hospital for instance, a greater number of men would be put on the job and the materials would be drawn in large quantities.

Accused was then questioned regarding instructions to the electrical staff, in the course of which he explained the various forms devised by him under the new system at Hung Hom. May also described at length how the daily labour distribution and job reports were made up under the system.

Asked to state his version of the affair at Lowbridge Shackleton and Company with regard to the two fluorescent lights installed there, May stated that one day he and Mr. Holtmeyer, the manager, were talking together at the latter's office.

May said he then remarked that the lights in the office were not very good and that Mr.

Holtmeyer should have better lights in his office. Mr. Holtmeyer said that he had had experience with certain fluorescent lights, to which May replied that he would see about getting a better kind of fluorescent lighting.

May went on to say that he later told Kwok Kwong about it, asking him to find somebody who could install two fluorescent lights at Prince's Building. He also described the type of shades required he claimed.

No Further Orders
"I never gave Kwok Kwong any further instructions on the matter," May added.

Kwok Kwong, May continued, never told him that he had installed the lights nor did he give him any receipts. In fact, he said, he did not know when the lights had been installed until he happened to be in Holtmeyer's office, where he saw the lights.

As regards Pokfulam, accused went on to relate his meeting with Dr. Thomas, a personal friend of his, who told him about some houses at Pokfulam which needed electrical repairs. It was then agreed to go over to Pokfulam to see the houses.

At the appointed time, May said, he met Dr. Thomas in front of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank building in his car, at the back of which sat Kwok Kwong, whom he had brought along.

"When we arrived at Pokfulam," May related, "we met Mrs. Thomas and her sister. I introduced Kwok to Mrs. Thomas as my foreman, telling her that Kwok was to recommend a contractor for the electrical job."

"We then proceeded to the premises. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas pointed out the various electrical points around the place, after which Kwok and I left."

Before that, May stated, Dr. Thomas had mentioned something about exorbitant prices charged by electrical contractors to repair the house. May said he then remarked to Kwok Kwong that perhaps some of his men might like to do the work in their spare time and on Sundays.

Kwok said he would ask the men.

Spare Time
"The next thing he heard about the men," accused said, "was when Kwok came to him and said that the men were willing to do the work in their spare time."

Further questioned, May told the court that he had never at any time known that Government men were to work at Pokfulam on Government time.

May also denied having talked with Kwok Kwong at any time about men working overtime. As far as he knew, he declared, the men were working in their own spare time.

Regarding Kwok's evidence that men could be put down as doing one job when they were actually doing another, Government job, May commented that this he regarded as an improper method used by the clerk in charge of the daily labour distribution and job reports.

May was then cross-examined by Kwok Kwong, during which time May disclosed that there was no thought on his part at the time they went to Pokfulam that they would find a contractor. Their purpose in going there, he added, was to make a survey of the light points and materials required.

Further questioned by Kwok, May disclosed that he did not know which men were being put on the job, and that the only

Death Day Of Dr. Sun

The death anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, will be commemorated in Hong Kong. Meetings have been planned at all Chinese schools and institutions.

Chinese schools in the Colony will have a holiday today.

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Personalia

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Shanghai Dockyards Profit During 1948

The Shanghai Dockyards, Limited, made a profit of HK\$1,684,803.83 during 1948, it was revealed at the company's annual meeting yesterday.

Mr. F. A. Pollock, chairman of the company, presided and was supported by Mr. G. E. Townley, ACA, Hon. secretary. The meeting was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

The Directors Report and Accounts for the year ended September 30, last year, was read by the Chairman. In spite of the rising prices and currency depreciation, said Mr. Pollock, the Company had managed to steer clear of all shoals.

"To operate a Dockyard under these conditions is no easy matter," Mr. Pollock said, "and I am sure the shareholders will agree that the high praise is due to the management for the satisfactory results achieved."

"I am pleased to be able to report that our Company is in as strong a position as ever to undertake ship and land repairs of all descriptions."

"I regret to inform the Company that Mr. T.H. Gwynne, the secretary, died while on sick leave in England, last year. Mr. G.E. Townley, ACA, who has taken Mr. Gwynne's place is carrying out the duties of the secretary."

The spread of war to the Yangtze Valley will have its effect on our business, and it is, therefore, difficult to forecast what is in store for us."

The following were elected to serve on the board for the ensuing year: Mr. F.A. Pollock, chairman; Mr. G.E. Townley, ACA, Hon. secretary; Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Thompson, (Chartered Accountants), Messrs. J.A. Bonnyman, M.B.E., W.J. Hawkins, A.E. Marker, R.S. Larkin and K. Ross-Mackenzie, directors.

Among the shareholders present at the meeting were: Mr. F. C. Pei, representing the Shanghai and Commercial Savings Bank; Mr. J.P. Ascoli, representing Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.; Mr. S.H. Ash, representing the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation; Mr. G.E. Marden, representing the Yangtze Finance Co., Ltd.; Wheelock Marden & Co., and W.J. Hawkins (by proxy); J.H. Hamm, representing K. Ross-Mackenzie (by proxy); Mr. T.D. Drysdale, representing the New Engineering Co., Ltd., and Messrs. A.R.D. Wilson and A. Percy.

Mr. G.E. Marden, on behalf of the shareholders, expressed appreciation to the Chairman, colleagues on the Board and the Company's staff for their wholehearted efforts which have resulted in the presentation today of such a satisfactory Balance Sheet.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, for the respondent, referred to the case of Mahuavallia where the Full Court upheld a judgment affirming an eviction order and that only tenants paying pecuniary rent were entitled to the protection of the Proclamation. Mr. d'Almada quoted another Full Court case where it was held that money paid by a tenant for repairs was not a pecuniary rent.

Mr. Justice Reynolds said he agreed with Mr. d'Almada and held that the letting of the premises was for the duration of the war only. There was no evidence that Kong had a monthly tenancy, and it must be inferred that he was only a tenant at will, which tenancy was terminated by the three-day notice served on him.

In the cross appeal by Ding Gow, the owner respondent judgment was given in favour of Kong. The cross appeal was that Ding Tye, the attorney for Ding Gow, had no authority to delegate his authority to Ding Loy who let the premises to Kong. The contention was that the power of attorney was abrogated when Ding Gow and Ding Tye were divided by the line of war. Ding Gow having gone to America.

The Court held that Ding Loy was an agent of necessity and was empowered to let the premises. As both appeal and cross appeal were dismissed, no order was made as to costs.

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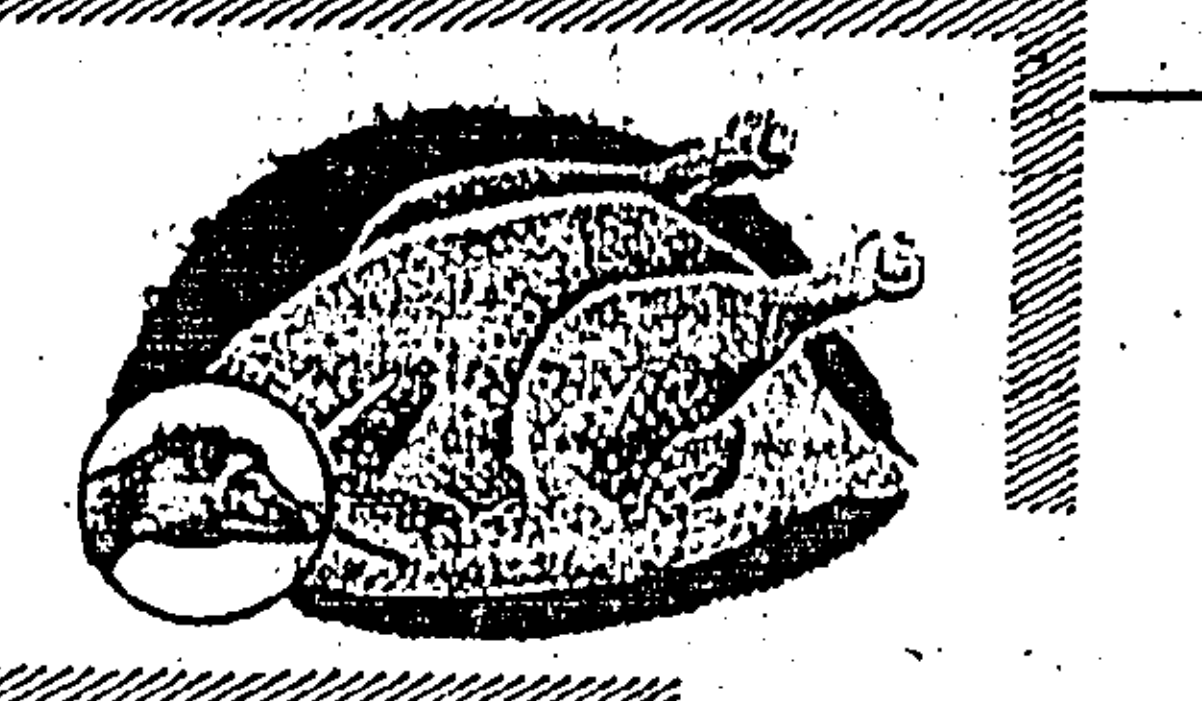
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Dangerous Nonsense

Sir,—I replied to Mr. Silva only because he introduced the name of the Governor into a political letter in a manner which seemed to me objectionable.

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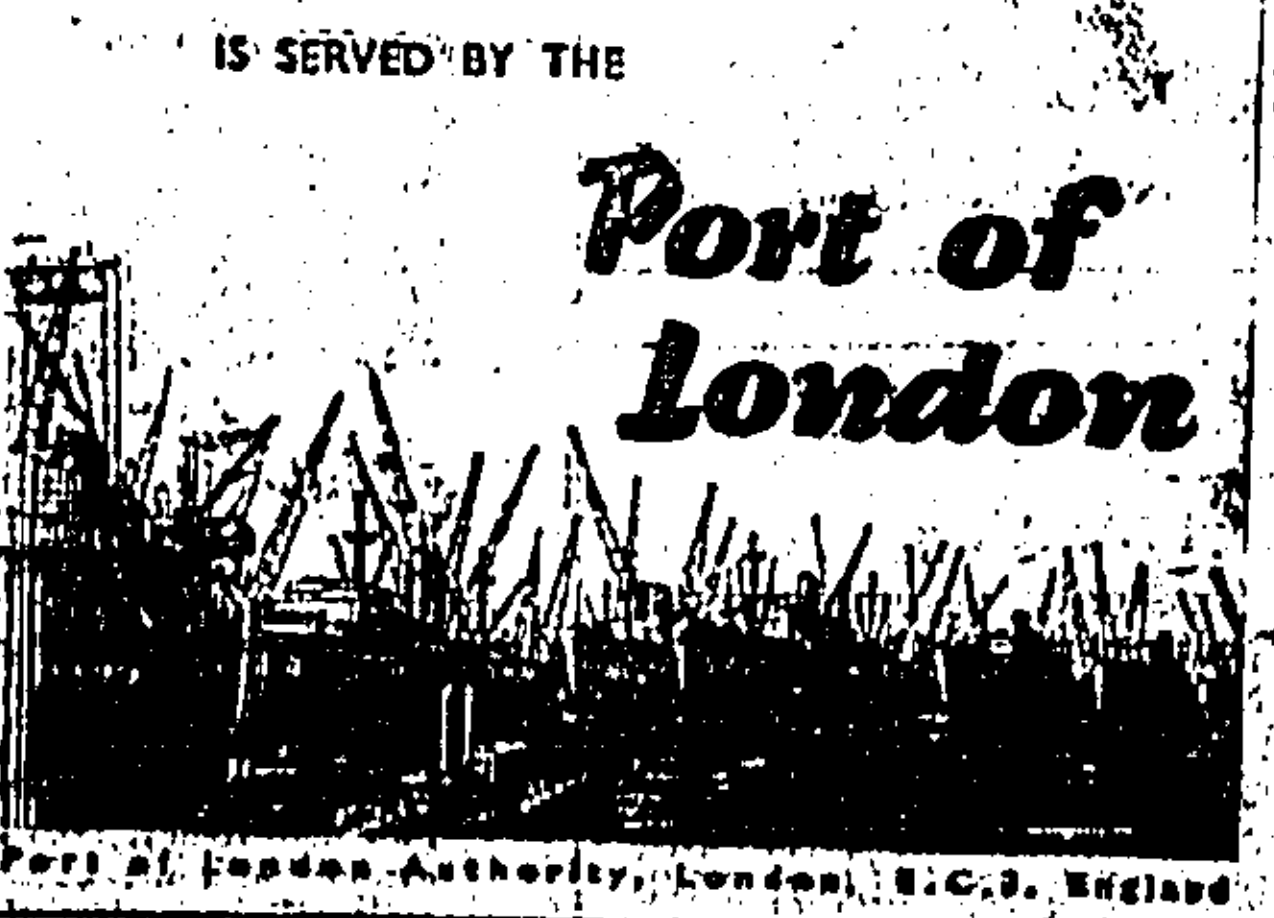
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"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

A print of the new Articles of Association can be inspected at the offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd., 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, the General Managers of the Company, at any time during business hours.

Dated at Hong Kong this 11th day of March 1949.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

I. W. SHEWAN, Director, General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 11, 1949.

THE HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 5th April, 1949 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 22nd March, 1949, until Tuesday, 5th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

I. W. SHEWAN, Director, General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 11, 1949.

THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Association will be held on Sunday, 27th March, 1949 at the Chinese Club, Bank of Canton Building.

Annual Meeting at 7.00 p.m. and Dinner at 8 p.m.

All members of the Association and all old boys are requested to attend. Tickets for the Dinner can be obtained from members of the Committee.

A. E. PERRY, Hon. Secretary.

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 14th March, 1949, to MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

B. C. FIELD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1949.

NOTICE

We beg to announce that two Godown Warrants covering the following cargo:—

Y.T.H. 1/800—800 Pails Dyestuffs

Stored in Kowloon Godown No. 2 under Lot No. K3232

Y.T.H. 801/850—50 Drums Coal Tar

Dyes—Stored in Kowloon Godown No. 25 under Lot No. K37693

were issued by The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., have been lost between Nanking & Shanghai on the 20th February, 1949. We have reported this loss to the parties concerned, and it is, therefore, declared that the said documents will be considered as null and void.

YUEN TAI HSIANG CO., LTD., Hongkong Branch.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

NOTICE

We beg to announce that one Delivery Order No. 86 covering the following cargo:—

H.T.H. 241/250—10 Barrels Dyestuffs

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were issued by Messrs. Jensen & Co. Dated 4th July, 1947, have been lost between Nanking & Shanghai on the 20th Feb., 1949. We have reported this loss to the parties concerned, and it is, therefore, declared that the said document will be considered as null and void.

HSIEH TAI HUNG CO., LTD., Hongkong Branch.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

THE CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LORD DOS PASSOS

The Feast of Our Lord dos Passos will be celebrated at the Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, 13th March, 1949, all Members of the Confraternity and the Catholic Community are cordially invited to attend.

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Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the company will be held at the Head Office of the company, 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1949 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1948 and for the appointment of Directors and Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 15th day of March to 23rd March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By order of the Board,

D. S. YUAN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, March 9, 1949.

NOTICE GOVERNMENT STORES DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate which should be clearly marked "Tender for Silica Gel air drying plant" (at Peak Radio Station) will be received at the Office of the Controller of Stores on Friday, March 18, 1949.

Forms of Tender, specification and further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Controller of Stores, Government Stores Department, Electric Road, North Point, Hong Kong.

J. HARGREAVES, Acting Controller of Stores.

March 7, 1949.

NOTICE GOVERNMENT STORES DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders for the supply and making Summer Uniforms for Police Force will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, March 25, 1949.

Forms of tender, specification and further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Controller of Stores, Electric Road, North Point.

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March 7, 1949.

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Tenders must attach to each tender a Deposit Receipt showing that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$50.00 as a pledge of the bona fide of their tenders which sum will be forfeited to the Crown if the successful tenderer fails to enter into the contract.

Forms of tender, specification and other particulars may be obtained at the Headquarters, Public Works Department, Secretariat Building, ground floor, Lower Albert Road.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to accept all or any part of any tender.

V. KENIFF, Director of Public Works.

March 11, 1949.

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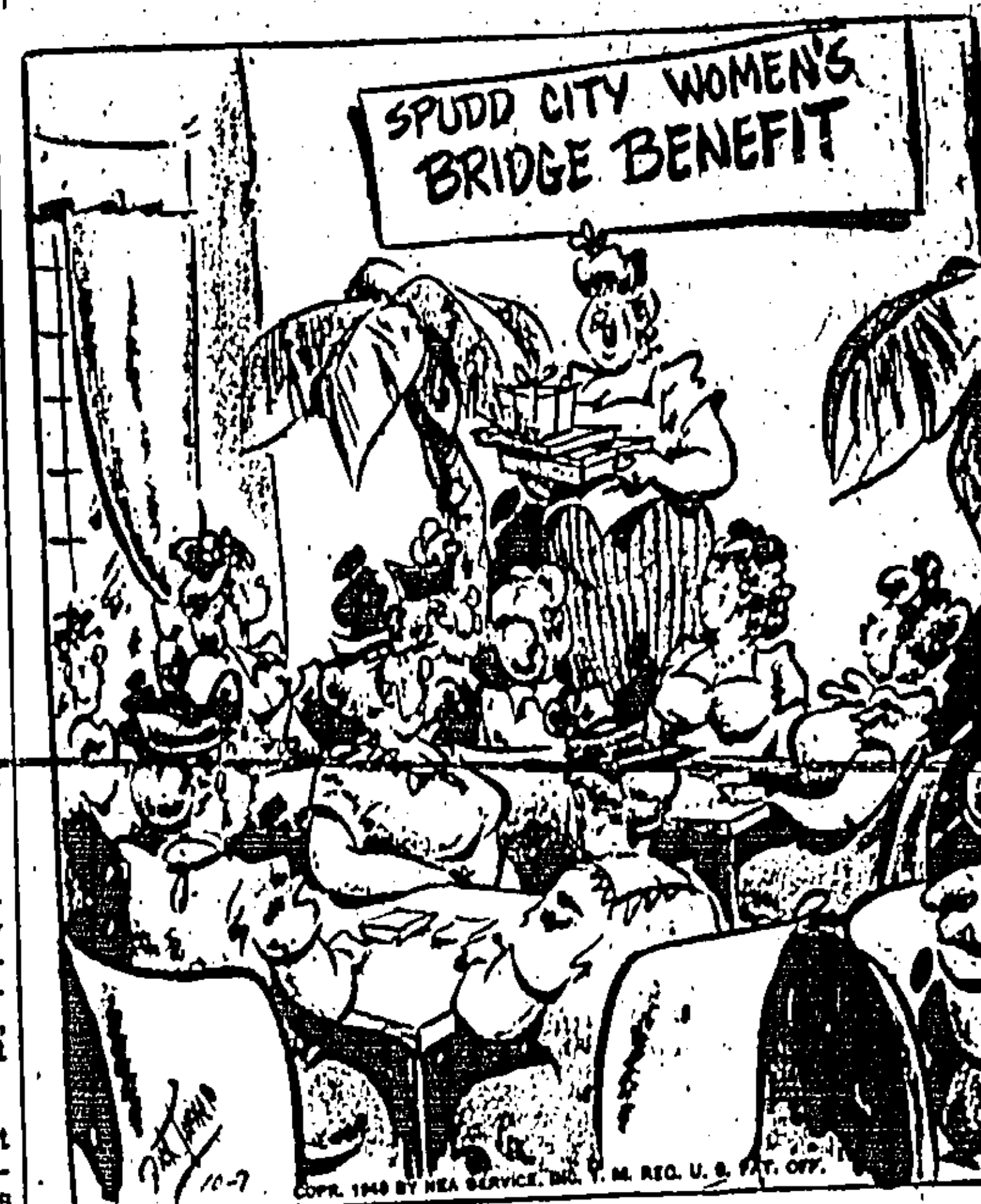
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DON'T BLACKWOOD THEN PLAYERS equipped with the Blackwood convention should not use it on all hands that seem slummy. There are situations in which it is better to jump at once to the slam and others in which it is advisable to employ a different method of obtaining slam information. The most specific of these comes when the slam-inquirer is void of some one suit, so that knowing about its ace would be unimportant, if not valueless. Then it sometimes is better to invite slam with a bid of five in the agreed suit, sometimes by cue-bidding a suit.

SA 10 8 7 5
H 9
DK J 8
CA 9 4 2
S 2
H K 10 3 2
D 10 5 2
C J 10 7
5 3

SA Q 4 3
HA Q J 7
DA 9 7 6
C None

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable).

South West North East
1 S Pass 3 S Pass
5 S Pass 6 S Dbl

South's second bid there was the correct way to invite slam on this deal. When he failed to use the Blackwood convention, North knew that the slam did not depend upon the suit-top North held, but upon the general merit of his hand. North, estimating his holding as being at least as good for slam purposes as his previous call indicated, went the rest of the way.

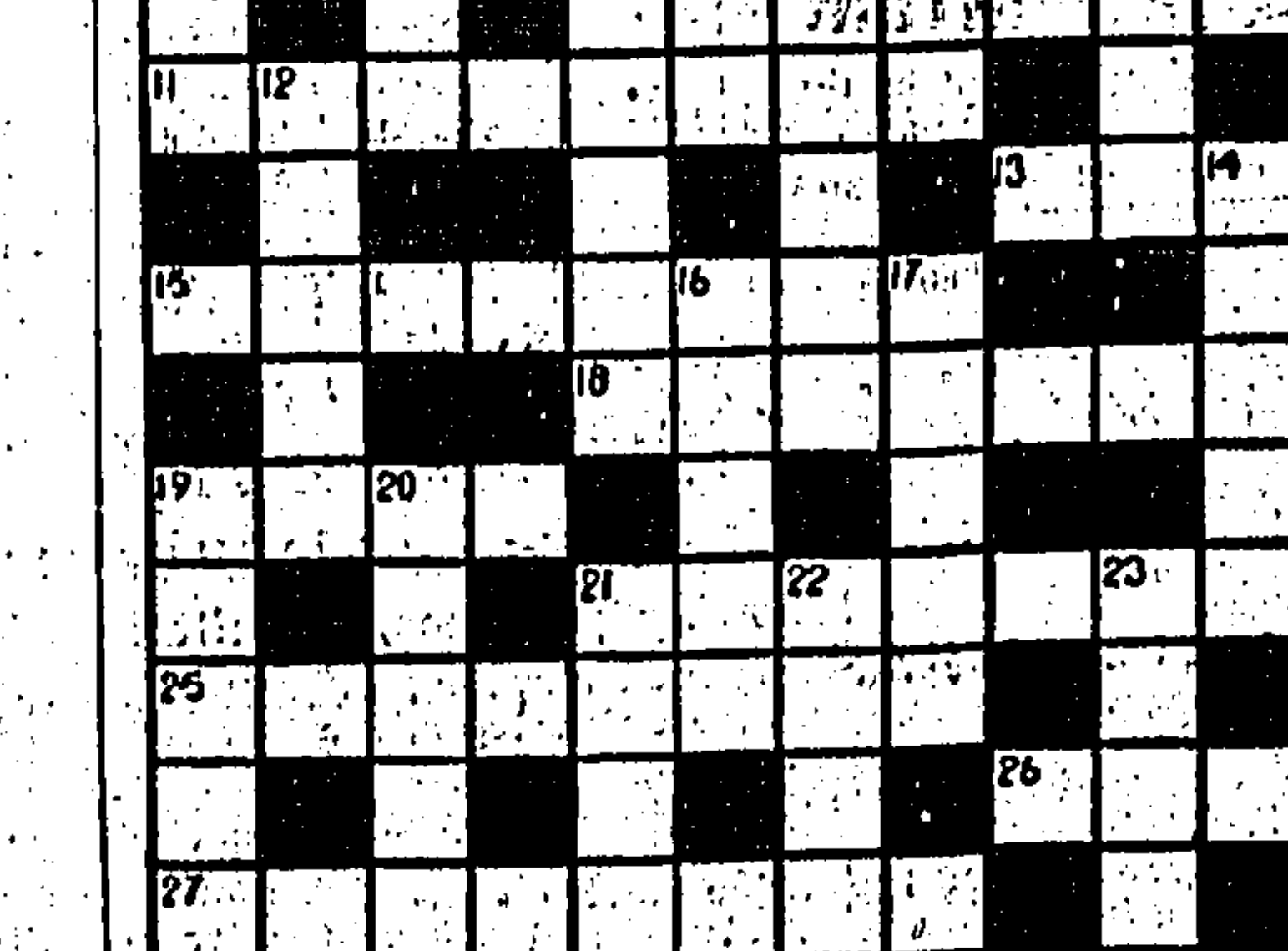
Tomorrow's Problem
S A K J
H K 5 2
D A J 10 2
C K Q 8
S 10 9 7
H A Q
D K 6 3
C 10 9 7 3

S 8 3 2
H 10 8 6 3
D 8 7 4
C A J 2

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable).

How would you play for a No Trump game in the South after the fourth-best club lead?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Undeveloped. 18 Brink.
8 Eager. 21 Bent back.
9 Abandoned. 22 Into custody.
11 Lift. 25 Scored.
13 Forepart. 26 Girdle.
15 Went before. 27 Inmate.
18 Envelop.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Demand, 4 Impel, 7 Relevant, 8 Exile, 9 Depart, 11 Inquest, 18 Preface, 19 Status, 20 Sleep, 19 Enlarged, 20 Dwell, 21 Deduce.
DOWN—1 Dared, 2 Arena, 3 Draught, 4 Infer, 5 Penitent, 6

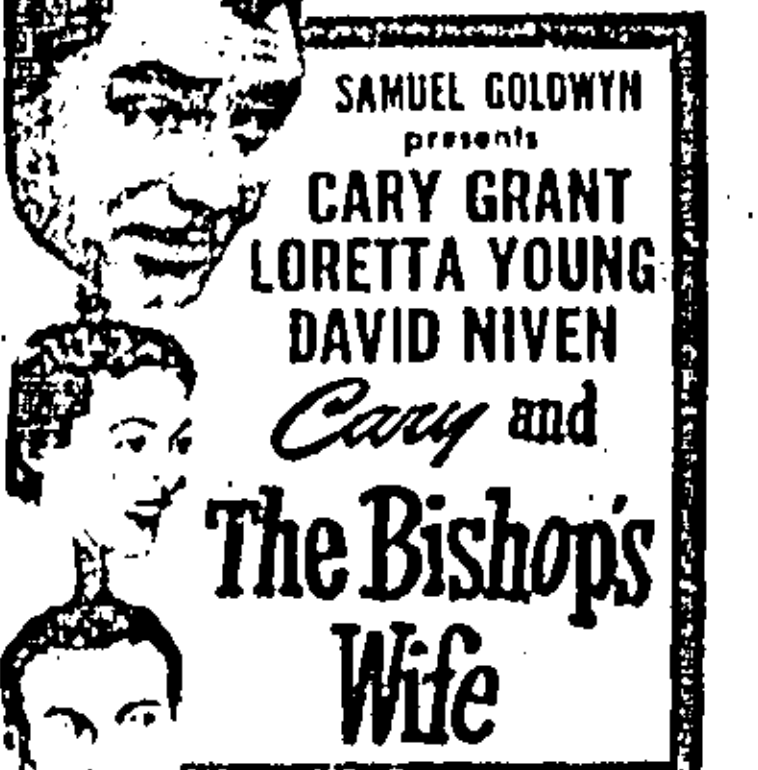
Lament, 10 Preserve, 12 Nestled, 13 Pushed, 14 Aspect, 16 Acid, 17 Stile.

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Cabinet Approval Of
Atlantic Pact Draft

London, March 10.

The Cabinet today formally approved the final draft of the Atlantic Pact. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, personally laid the draft before the Cabinet.

All the North Atlantic Union Governments are expected to have approved the pact by the end of this week, making it possible to publish the text early next week. Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, announced in Ottawa today.

The expectation now is that the conference for the signature of the pact will be held early in April. Earlier, it appeared that such a conference would be in Bermuda, but now it is almost certain to be in Washington," he added.

Mr. Pearson said the Canadian Cabinet decided at a meeting today to go over the text of the pact clause by clause, but he does not expect there would be any changes in the text as received from Washington.

The nations that will sign this pact," he added, "are States that work together, have confidence in each other and believe in the same things."

Financing Arms

Military legislation to back up the North Atlantic Pact will reach Congress about the same time as the pact itself, the U.S. State Department spokesman said in Washington today.

It is understood authoritatively that in addition to members of the pact, arms will be financed for areas whose stability affects the security of the United States. These countries include Greece, Turkey, Persia and the Philippines.

The spokesman of the State Department, Mr. Michael McDermott, said: "Our representatives of the National Military Establishment, the Economic Cooperation Administration and the State Department have been working on the draft military assistance legislation, which should be ready to go to Congress about the same time on the pact."

At present, the programme is not firm enough to warrant a reliable estimate on its costs."

Danish Attitude

Dr. Gustav Rasmussen, the Danish Foreign Minister, arrived in the United States today to explore the possibility of Denmark joining the pact.

Asked whether the Danish people are in favour of joining the Alliance, Dr. Rasmussen replied: "Yes." He believes it very unlikely that discussions on a Scandinavian Alliance will be reopened.

The Danish Foreign Minister will take back to his Parliament from Washington a copy of the treaty. He will also take information about the kind of aid which Denmark can expect.

Particular interest is attached in Washington to the adherence of Denmark to the pact because of the strategic importance of Greenland—a Danish possession.

Use Of Bases

The United States has the use of bases in Greenland under a wartime treaty still in force. The assumption is that if Denmark joins the Alliance, the use of the bases by other members of the Alliance will be a matter for discussion in the various collective security institutions to be set up under the pact.

A Danish spokesman in Washington emphasised that there has never been any discussion and no such discussion is contemplated of the bases to be provided in Denmark itself, except in the event of an attack or the threat of an attack. Dr. Rasmussen said that before Denmark commits herself, the pact must be debated in Parliament. "The idea of my coming here is to contact the United States Government to enable my Government to have solid basis for submitting the matter to Parliament."

THE FOOD
OUTLOOK
NOT GOOD

Manila, March 11.

Mr. Norris E. Dodd, Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, said today that the world food outlook is not so good.

Mr. Dodd arrived here by plane from Bangkok, where he attended the opening sessions of the International Rice Commission.

The Director, who has toured European and Asian countries, said there are few exceptions to the generally dark food picture. Most countries lack food reserves to carry them through emergencies, he said, adding that Siam and the Philippines are possible exceptions to this group.

Mr. Dodd is expected to leave for Hong Kong on Sunday after studying the Philippine food situation.

He plans to visit Shanghai and Tokyo and possibly Australia before returning to the United States.—United Press.

DANCER FOUND
NOT GUILTY

Hollywood, March 11.

A jury of eight men and four women today took only one hour and seven minutes to acquit the dancer, Vickie Evans, of conspiracy to possess marijuana.

The blonde dancer was the only one of four persons arrested at the hillside home she occupied with the starlet, Lila Leeds, to win acquittal on dope charges. The film star, Robert Mitchell, Lila Leeds and a real estate man were all convicted.—United Press.

Tel Aviv, March 10.

The new Israeli Cabinet, led by the Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, was approved by the Israeli Parliament by 73 votes to 45 today.—Associated Press.

Princesses At
Old Bailey

London, March 10.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret sat in London's Central Criminal Court today and heard a story of attempted murder and a police car chase through London's West End. In the dock were two young men charged with attempted murder of two policemen by running them down with a van alleged to have been stolen.

This was the first visit by any of the Royal Family to the Central Criminal Court since the Princesses' grandfather, King Edward VII, opened the building in 1907. Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31-metre band.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—"Wave" Reread: "Peter Young and His Concert Orchestra, with Paula Green and Steve Conway." (H.K.T.)

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—"Wave" Reread: "Peter Young and His Concert Orchestra, with Paula Green and Steve Conway." (H.K.T.)

1.30 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—"Wave" Reread: "Peter Young and His Concert Orchestra, with Paula Green and Steve Conway." (H.K.T.)

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—The Carroll Gibbons' (Piano) "On the Air."

7.30 p.m.—London Studio Melodies... Geraldine and His Orchestra. (H.K.T.)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Billboards" (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Saturday Round-Up—"The Hong Kong Defence Force." (Studio) The Commentator, Lt. Col. G. H. H. reports on progress in Recruiting and Answers questions about the Force.

8.25 p.m.—Sports Results. (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—"Glee" from Verdi's "Otello." Nicholas Maize, Herman Druche Helen Jepson, Giovanni Martinelli and Lawrence Tibbett. With the Metropolitan Opera (New York) Orchestra.

9.25 p.m.—Interlude.

9.30 p.m.—A Play "Rose" by Jackson Budd... Produced for the Hong Kong Stage Club by Peter Gregory. (Studio)

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Rel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Glee" and Dance Music.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

BEVIN DISCUSSES
DEFENCE WITH
TURKISH ENVOY

London, March 10.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, discussed regional defence arrangements with the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Cavat Akcalim, at the Foreign Office today.

They discussed:—1.—Reported Soviet moves in Ankara, and Turkey's attitude to membership of a possible Mediterranean regional defence pact.

2.—The issue of a declaration concerning Turkey, Greece and Iran by the United States, Britain and France on the occasion of the signing of the Atlantic Union.

It has been common knowledge that the question of a Western declaration of policy covering Turkey and Greece—both of whom receive American aid—and possibly Iran, to coincide with the signing of the Atlantic Union, has been under consideration.

The exclusion of Turkey from the powers taking part in the forthcoming London talks on setting up a European Council may also have been discussed.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Nezimeddin Sadak, told Reuter in London recently that he had hoped the fact that the Brussels treaty powers, in their initiative for closer European unity, had invited only the Western European powers to discuss the creation of a European Council does not mean that a new division would be created in a Europe already split by the Iron Curtain.

The invitations to Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Italy and Elze on Monday to attend the London talks on the proposed council of Europe may have decided Ankara to make a formal demarche in London to register Turkish disappointment at her exclusion from the present United Europe discussions.

Wants Pact

In Istanbul, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. N. Sadak, said that Turkey wants a Mediterranean pact.

Returning from London and Paris, Mr. Sadak said he had

Russian Policy

It is possible that in the course of conversations, Mr. Lavrishev might have brought up the subject.

Mr. Sadak said that only time will show whether the replacement of V.M. Molotov by A. Vishinsky can bring any change in Russian policy towards Turkey.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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BRITAIN TO SUPPORT ARABS

IMPASSE IN AUSTRIAN PACT TALKS

London, March 10. The month-old Austrian peace treaty talks here were threatened with collapse today after unyielding statements by the Yugoslav and Austrian delegates.

Diplomatic observers in London believe they can be saved only if Russia makes an 11th hour move withdrawing her support from Yugoslavia's claims against Austria.

The conference adjourned until tomorrow after reaching a deadlock.

This followed the decision of the three Western Powers to back Austria's rejection of frontier changes and reparations payments, and to oppose, in varying degrees, Yugoslavia's demand for the creation of a Slovene autonomous area inside Austria.

—Reuter.

KARENS OCCUPY MAYMYO

Rangoon, March 10. Karen rebels have occupied Maymyo, the Burmese Army centre near Mandalay, and fighting is taking place 21 miles North of Mandalay itself, an official communiqué stated here tonight.

Government troops withdrew Southward from Maymyo and the nearby strip of Anisakan after a Karen counter-offensive, the communiqué says.

The communiqué claims that Government troops have encircled rebel forces at Myittha, a rail town seven miles South of Mandalay.

The evacuation of British Services Mission personnel from Maymyo will be completed tonight on the arrival here of another Royal Air Force plane carrying more members.

The officer in charge of the evacuation said a British doctor and his wife have volunteered to remain in Maymyo to attend to Britons in the hospital there.

Earlier today, five more officers and a number of enlisted men were taken by air to Rangoon.

—Reuter.

MORE CHANGES IN RUSSIA

London, March 10. Radio Moscow today said that M. Rodionov has been re-elected from his post as chairman of the Council of Ministers, or Premier, of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic, largest unit in the Soviet Union.

The broadcast said that B.N. Chernousov has been named as his successor.

The Russian Republic comprises 6,000,000 square miles and has a population of 109,270,000 according to the 1939 census figures.

Rodionov was named Premier of the Russian Republic in March 1946.

—United Press.

BUDGET DAY

London, March 10. Britain's Budget Day is to be on April 6, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, announced in Parliament today.

—Reuter.

Will Fulfil Obligations Under 1948 Alliance

AKABA FIGHTING

London, March 10. The British Government intends to carry out its treaty obligations under the Anglo-Transjordan Treaty, the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel Baker, declared in the House of Commons today.

He would not make a statement about the present position in the Transjordan port of Akaba, where British troops are stationed.

"I think I had better not do that," he said, "I had better leave it to the Foreign Secretary."

Mr. Noel Baker insisted, however, that Britain intends to carry out her obligations under the 1948 Anglo-Transjordan Treaty, which gives the Arab state the right to call for military assistance.

The Minister made his statement during question time when he told the House of Commons that the British Government had informed the Commonwealth Governments of its decision to send a force to Akaba.

They were told that this had been done in response to the request of the Transjordan Government, made under the terms of the British treaty with Transjordan, he said.

"As the other Commonwealth Governments are not parties to this treaty, no question of inviting them to participate arose," he added.

Dr. Samuel Segal, Labour, had asked which of the Dominions were notified of Britain's intention to land a task force at Akaba, and how many were invited to take part.

Dr. Segal: "Since we were glad of the support of the Dominions in this area during the war, ought we not to take heed of their advice in this matter?"

Quite Plain

"Does he (the Minister) not realise that any isolated military action of our own in this area now is neither likely to protect the puppet state of Transjordan nor intimidate anyone else?"

Mr. Noel Baker: "If the Commonwealth Governments gave us advice we would gladly listen to it, but we never received any advice. Dr. Segal would require that an ally should be protected against aggression if it occurred within the terms of the treaty."

Lord Winterston, Conservative, asked if the Minister would make it perfectly clear that Britain intends to carry out her treaty obligations whatever the opposition may be from those who have racial affiliations with Israel.

Mr. Noel Baker: "It is quite plain that the British Government do intend to carry out their treaty obligations."

Mr. John Lewis, Labour, asked if Lord Winterston was in order after Mr. Segal had raised a question in the interests of the House to say that the reason the question was put down was to further racial affiliations with another country.

Rather Alarming

Lord Winterston: "I said nothing of the sort. The words I used were that we should carry out our treaty obligations irrespective of the opposition of those who have racial affiliations."

A Labour Member, Mr. Leslie Judah Solley, shouted from the back Government benches: "Go and join Mosley." (Sir Oswald Mosley was leader of the British Union of Fascists before the war).

Financial Talks With Israel

London, March 9. The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, today told the House of Commons that there has been no delay in opening financial talks with Israel, because no date has been fixed.

He said that many economic and financial problems to be discussed are being examined by the British Government.

A Labour member said that Israel is rapidly becoming a hard currency area, and the only result of delays will be a loss to Britain, in the Middle East of many millions of pounds in hard currency markets.

Mr. Bevin answered: "This financial business is not all one-sided." —United Press.

Heavy Fighting

It was officially learned in Amman, the Transjordan capital, tonight that heavy fighting is still taking place near Akaba, the British-garrisoned port in the Southern tip of Transjordan.

A small mechanised column reported to be proceeding parallel with the Egyptian-Palestine borders reached Un Reshresh, a small village about 10 miles North West of Akaba.

The column was successfully barred at that point, by Arab Legion forces and finally repulsed.

The fighting seems to be widespread and breaking out at different places.

The Israelis seem determined to attain a strategic base on the Red Sea.

Becoming Heavier.

Their campaign, started on March 7 and is becoming heavier every hour. Their main column crossing the Akaba

Son's Effort To Vindicate Father

Karachi, March 10. A youthful Briton has arrived in Pakistan determined to clear his father's name.

He is Anthony Neville Stack, aged 28, whose father, the famous British airman, Captain Neville Stack, was knocked down and killed by a truck last month.

An official inquiry is to be held here tomorrow into the death.

It was following a suggestion by the police here that his father had killed himself, that young Stack flew from England.

Mr. Stack said today that after making widespread inquiries into the circumstances of his father's death he is quite convinced that he had not committed suicide.

Captain Stack, who was General Manager of Orient Airways, a Pakistan owned company, had been told by the

police to remain in Karachi pending inquiries into the sale of a Dakota aircraft.

But, as a result of investigations he made here, his son is satisfied that his father acted honestly.

The son told Reuter today that the police here have been helpful and most polite.

The Karachi magistrate had readily agreed to postpone the date of the inquiry from today until tomorrow, so that his elder brother, Squadron Leader Thomas Neville Stack, should have an opportunity to attend.

Squadron Leader Stack, who is flying to Karachi, has been held up by bad weather and is expected here later today.

Anthony Stack has decided to have no legal representative at the enquiry.

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Bunche Warning To Jews And Arabs

Rhodes, March 10. Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations Mediator for Palestine, tonight warned Israel and Transjordan that he will charge them with a breach of the Security Council's cease fire resolutions if either side carries on military activities in the Akaba area of Southern Palestine.

Dr. Bunche's warning followed complaints by Transjordan of Jewish land and air activities inside Arab Legion territory in the area North of the Red Sea, where the frontiers of Transjordan and Palestine meet.

Transjordan charged that Jewish troops, equipped with jeeps and armoured vehicles, had penetrated to within 35 kilometres of the town of Akaba.

—Reuter.

SENATORS WANT AID FOR CHINA

Washington, March 11. Fifty Senators today asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for action on a bill by Senator Pat McCarran, Nevada Democrat, to set up an aid plan for Nationalist China.

The 50 Senators, more than a majority of the Senate, signed a letter written by Mr. McCarran and addressed to the Committee Chairman, Mr. Tom Connally, Texas Democrat.

McCarran's bill would provide up to \$1,500,000,000 of economic and military aid to Nationalist China through the sale of Export Import Bank notes.

Of this total, \$500,000,000 would be in credits to the Government, \$300,000,000 in economic assistance and \$700,000,000 for military supplies.

In his letter, Mr. McCarran asserted "A policy of defeatism or a policy of false resignation, when democracy is in the balance, is not in keeping with the best American tradition."

The Nevada Senator contended that it is up to Congress, in the final analysis, to shape this country's policies.

He said the matter is not one upon which Congress must await some request from the executive branch of the Government before it can proceed.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has been quoted as telling a group of House Republicans recently that the State Department waits to wait until the dust settles before deciding what to do about the Communist threat to overrun the Nationalist Government.

—Associated Press.

PACIFIC ISLAND RIOTING

Canberra, March 10. Mr. Cyril Chambers, Australian Minister and Acting Minister of External Territories, has been assigned to lead a special mission to investigate reports of native rioting on the Pacific Island of Nauru.

Nauru, which is administered by Britain, Australia and New Zealand, lies on the Equator due West of the Gilbert Islands.

The Council of Native Chiefs on the island is reported to have decided to send their complaints to the United Nations Trusteeship Commission.

Mr. Chambers, who leaves for Nauru on March 23, has been instructed to investigate the causes of unrest among the administrative staff and check reports of unfair treatment of Chinese workers.

He will also examine the cost of living, which Nauruans claim is too high.

Tension mounted last June when a Nauru policeman was charged with killing two Chinese in a riot when indentured Chinese labourers refused to embark for India and armed themselves with spears, clubs and stones.

He was found not guilty on one charge and the second is pending.

—Reuter.

TB TREATMENT

Zurich, March 10. A canvass of leading Swiss tuberculosis specialists discloses that they almost unanimously favour mass vaccinations with the bacillus Calmette Guérin, known as BCG.

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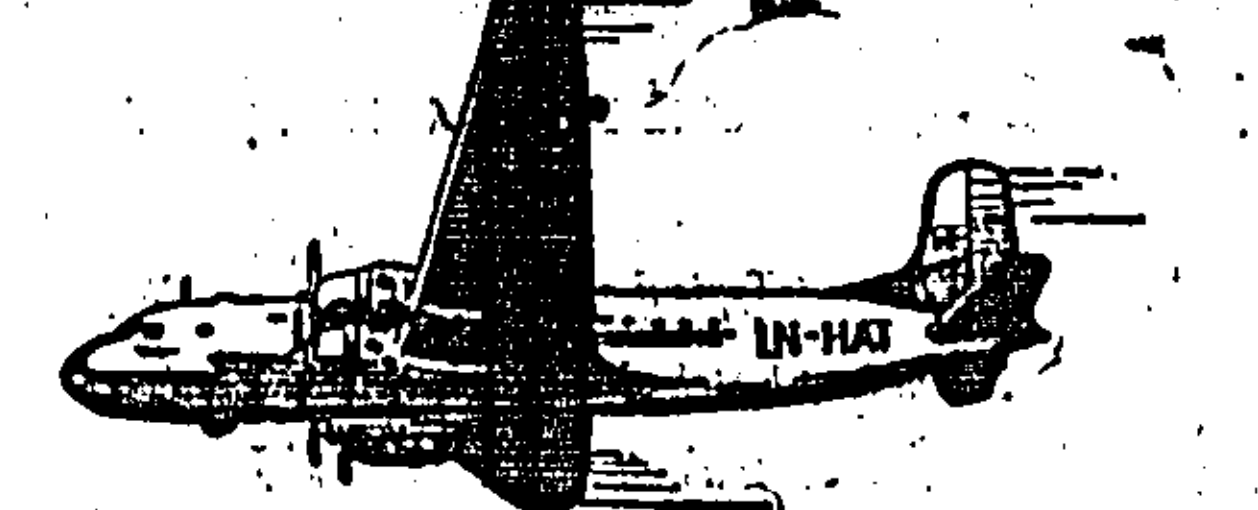
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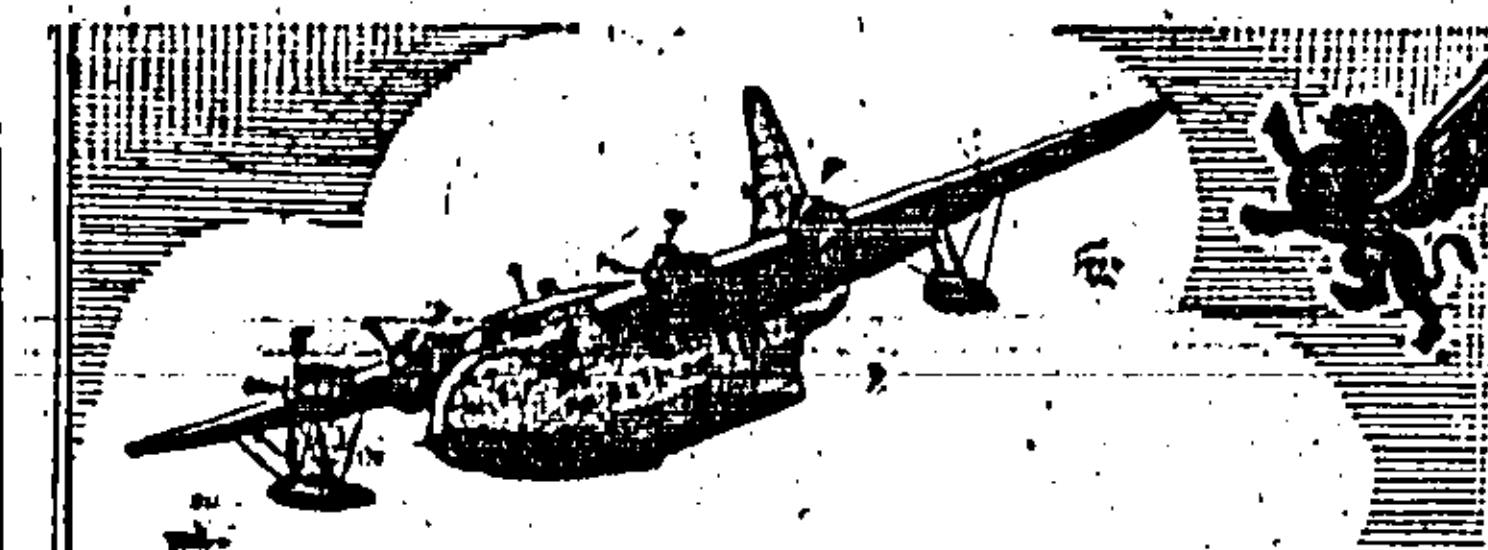
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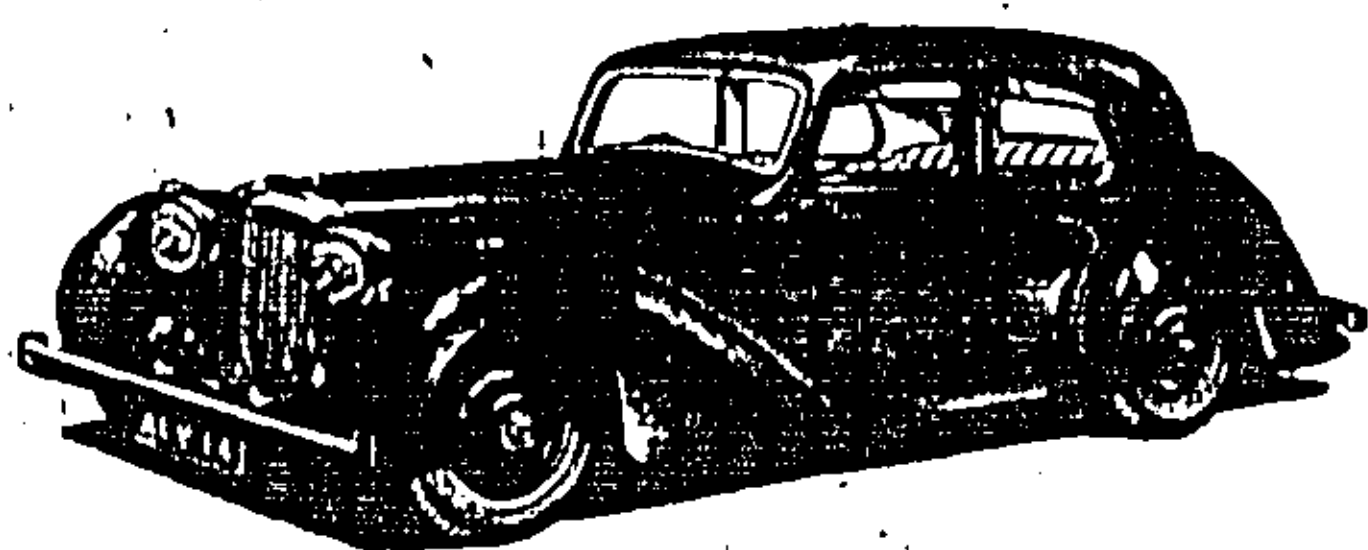
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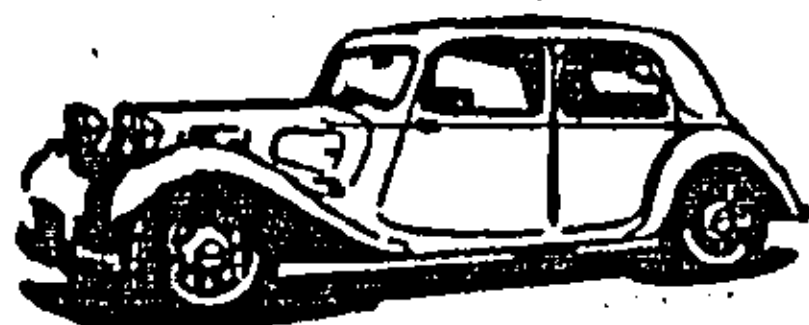
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

New Buick Fitted With Dynaflo Drive Device

By Our Motoring Editor
After a pleasant cruise round the island highways on Wednesday in one of the latest liners to come down the Buick slipways I was faintly disappointed to find that they are still using wheels on these vehicles. They seem anachronistic beside some of the other features of the car.

Both Mr. N. Buerlin, manager of China International Motors Limited (Buick representatives), and his service manager Mr. Halligan, who were present on Wednesday's jaunt, appeared at first to have only one topic of conversation—the new Dynaflo drive with which the car is fitted. And well they might have.

However, it seems certain that before any chat about engines begins the general public will insist on an explanation of those curious chromium-plated holes which appear near the tops of the front mudguards just forward of the front doors. Stand by for disillusionment. They are not outlets for Jato tubes to give jet-assisted take-off; nor are they pre-fab homes for gremlins as one Air Force gentleman has suggested; they are not even connected with the exhaust. If we must face the facts they are there to give the car a distinctive appearance, though there is a rather specious explanation offered that they provide a means of escape for the engine-heat which would otherwise over-warm the passenger compartment.

Oil Takes Over

Now, let's get on with the Dynaflo. In case there is anyone around who understands these matters here is Mr. Halligan's explanation of the new device. "The heart of Dynaflo drive," he said, "is a specially-designed torque converter consisting of a pump, a turbine and a super-charging assembly all rotating in an oil-filled drum. This drum is located where the usual transmission is located on conventional cars. And through it the power plant adjusts itself to give quick, strong drive for fast starts, extra pull for acceleration or hill-climbing, and smooth, easy power delivery for cruising."

"What the Buick engineers have done is to produce a device in which oil replaces both the clutch and the three or four forward-speed changes of the transmission." What Dynaflo actually means to you and I is this. You leap nimbly into the driver's seat, noting (with a little prompting from the salesman) that the massive door is cunningly designed to swing open and shut at finger-tip pressure. Once there you are faced with a steering wheel behind which is a lever connected to a pointer which travels over a small panel marked with the letters P, N, D, L, R.

As the pointer is probably set at P for parking or N for neutral you go right ahead and switch on, starting the engine by depressing the accelerator pedal. It will not start if the pointer is at any of the other positions.

No Changing

With the engine running you move the indicator to D for driving range, release the hand-brake by pulling a little knob (it is applied by foot-pressure on a pedal), press the accelerator, and you're away.

Here is the whole point. Provided you are not smitten with a desire to climb the side of a house, get yourself out of a bog or a quicksand or travel backwards you

need do nothing from beginning to end of your journey but control the speed of the car with foot-brake and accelerator.

The D position allows you to climb all but the steepest hills, stop, start again, accelerate smartly, all without any change in the position. The L position for extreme load and R for reverse come into play only under the special conditions for which they are provided.

There is no doubt that the performance of the Dynaflo unit conforms with the claims of the manufacturers. For the rest, the car is what one would expect of a Buick. It is magnificently comfortable, has easy, responsive steering, contains all the fittings (including a very fine radio) to make life on the road easy and pleasant.

1950 Cars Being Secretly Tested

Cars of 1950 are being tested in secret on a former Transport Command airfield at Lindley, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire, where the first national car proving ground in the world has been established.

The proving ground is being built on an airfield by the Motor Industry Research Association, which are financed two-thirds by their industry and one-third by Government. Mr. A. O. Dolby, aged 30, a former REME captain, is in charge. It is to be opened officially early in April.

Today it is by no means complete but already motor firms are testing in ideal conditions free itself the hazards of road trials, models for the October Motor show.

The sum of £1,000,000 is to be spent making the proving ground better than even those possessed by one or two American car manufacturers. It is being equipped with stretches representing every road surface in the world, water and mud splashes, skid areas, high speed and average speed circuits and scientific laboratories.

Ford Predicts Car Price

The inevitability of a new pay increase, with consequent raising of prices, is a topic brought into the open recently by Henry Ford II. This is a subject generally avoided by industrial leaders in America, although further wage increases have long been regarded by labour as unavoidable under present conditions.

Mr. Ford considers that for the first time since the end of the war, manufacturers cannot be sure that they can pass higher wages on to the consumer in the way of higher prices.

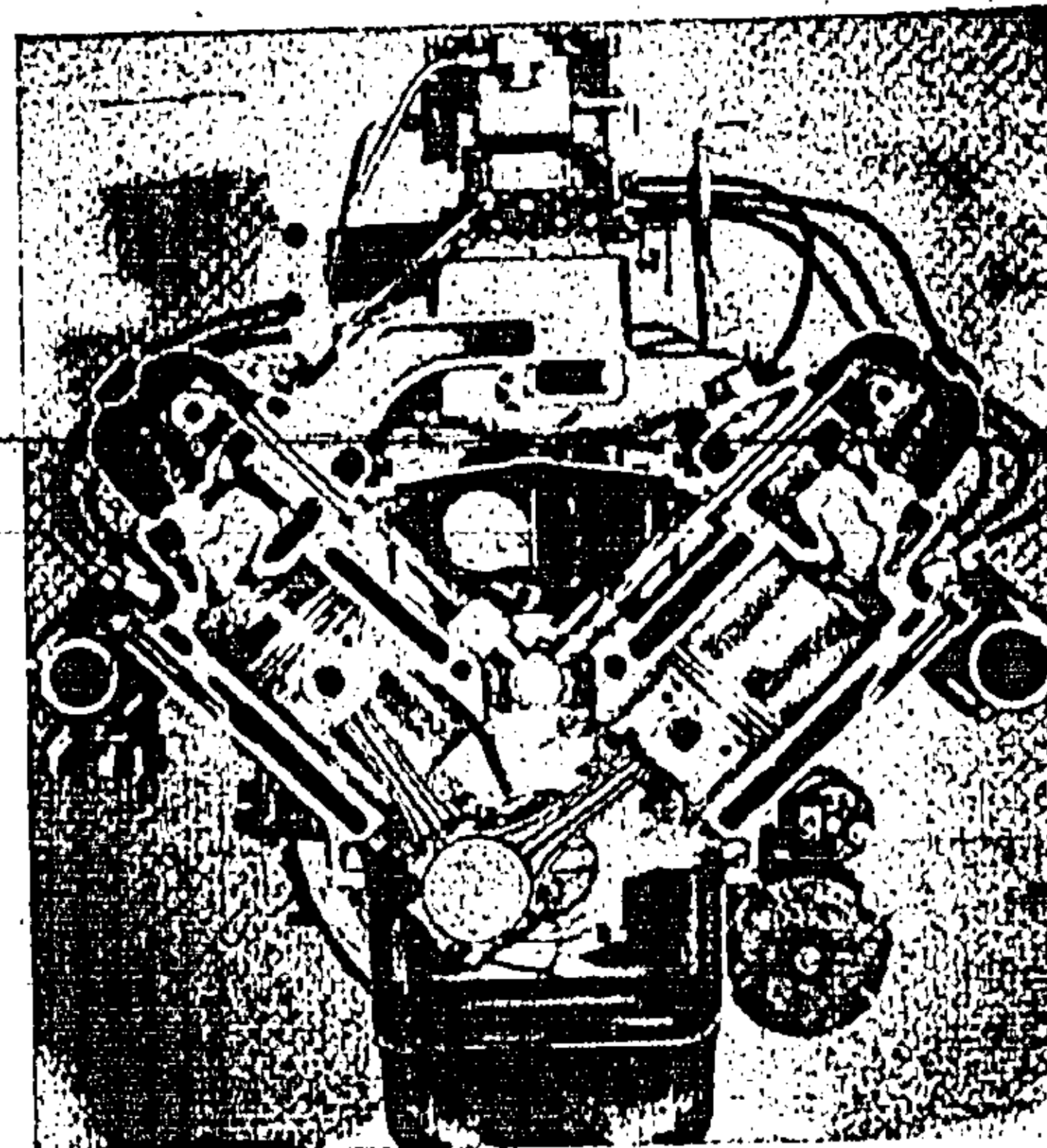
CAR HEATERS

As a consequence of the export drive, particularly to North America, it has been impressed on British car and accessory manufacturers that if heaters are to be sold as an integral part of a car they must be capable of maintaining warmth inside the car under extreme conditions, such as are met in Canada and parts of America.

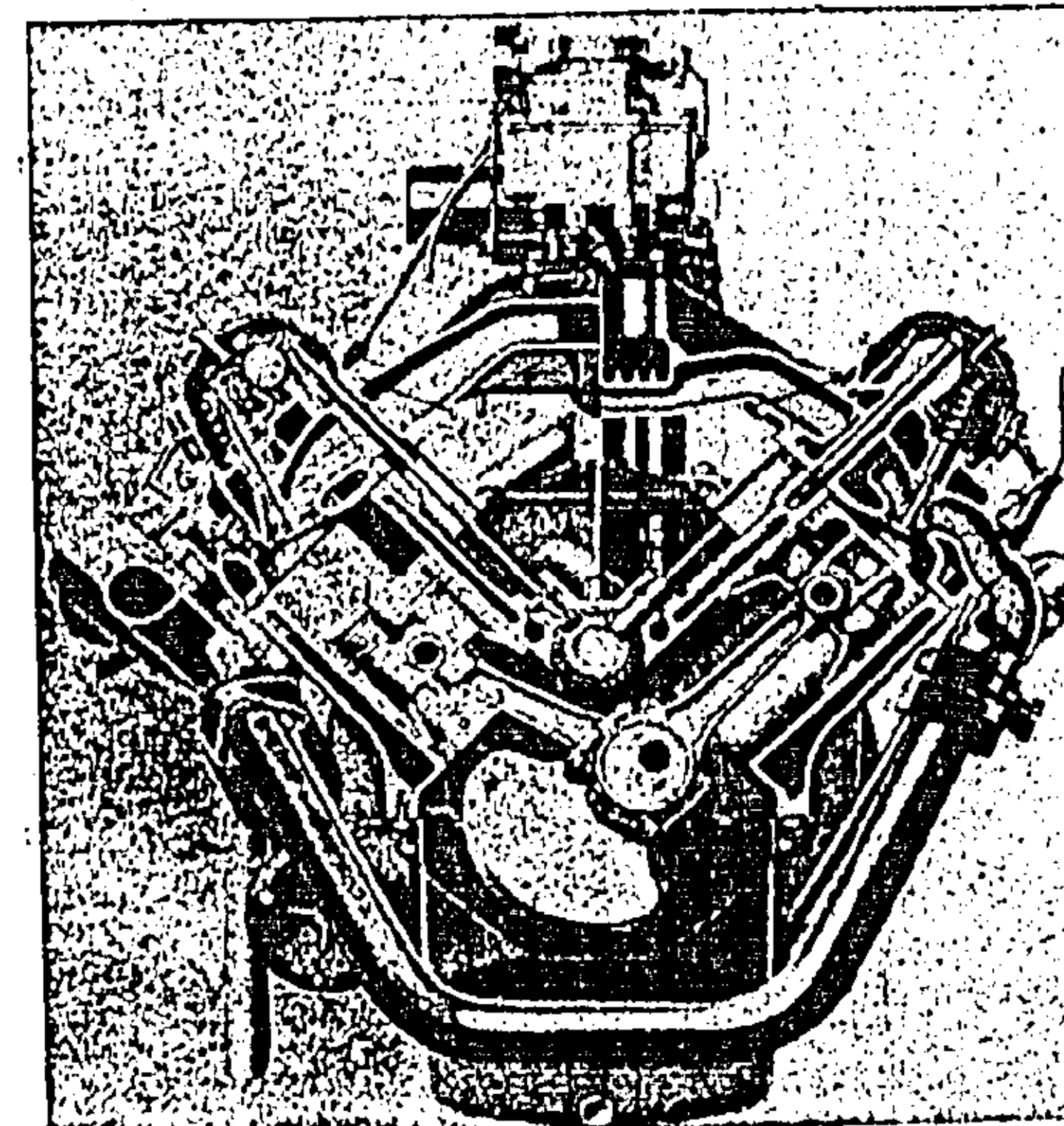
Smiths Motor Accessories, Ltd., recently dispatched a party to Norway, with the object of obtaining accurate "operation" data at very low temperatures, while another heater manufacturer, Delmar, Galley, Ltd., obtains similar data with the refrigerating plant installed in their research laboratory. As a result of such investigation the heating systems produced by them and by other concerns with equivalent facilities, should be capable of coping with the most arduous conditions in all parts of the world.

In addition there are a number of other concerns that produce less elaborate heaters which are suitable for normal winter conditions in England and those countries which enjoy similar climatic conditions.

New 'Rocket' Valve



Cross section of the "Rocket" valve in the head of the new Oldsmobile V-8 engine. Comparison of this with the Cadillac engine shown below will show similar basic design but many differences in detail, such as water jacketing, connecting rods, pistons, carburettor etc. Both are designed for easy servicing.



1949 Oldsmobile To Go On Display

On Monday in the Gloucester Arcade Triangle Motors will display the first of the new series of Oldsmobile for 1949. Two new engines and the adoption of new Futuramic styling for all cars are the outstanding features of the Oldsmobile story for this year.

In the engine line a high compression V-8 overhead valve model is supplied for the larger cars, and a larger in-line six for smaller models. The number of cars in the series has now been reduced to three, the 98 and the 76.

Appearance of the 98 series cars is altered in detail from that of 1948 when Futuramic styling was first introduced. Series 76, however, is for all practical purposes new.

The new V-8 engine has been named "Rocket," starts at 7.25 to one compression ratio, and will, in time, be raised to 12 to one whenever fuels permitting such a ratio are available. Only minor mechanical changes will be needed. Ultimate fuel saving will be about 1/3 states the manufacturer.

Six Types

Series 76 will come as a club coupe, club sedan, four-door sedan, four-door town sedan, convertible and station wagon. They are trimmed either standard or de luxe, with variations in upholstery and accessories. Station wagon is de luxe only.

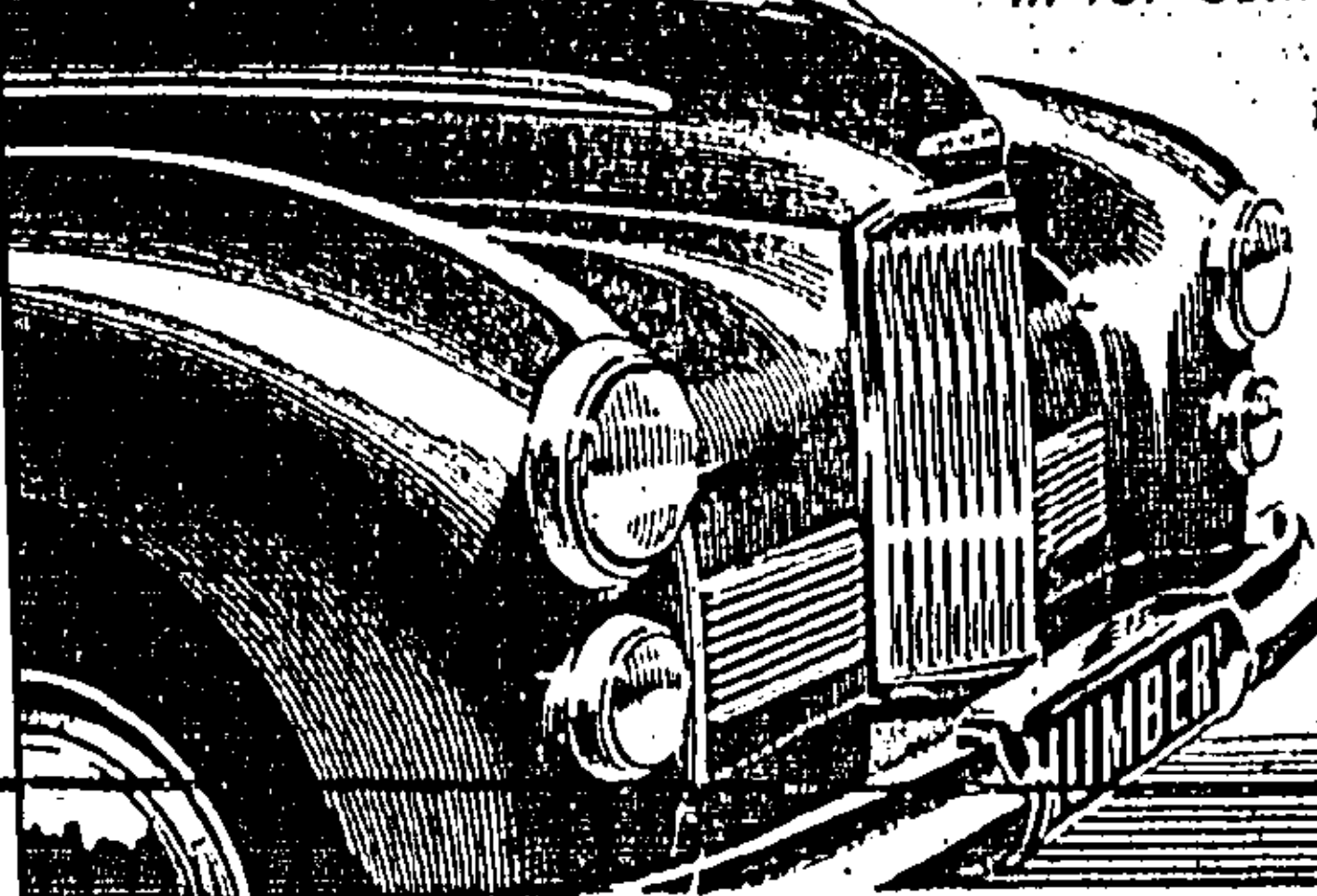
Series 98 is built as a club coupe, four-door sedan and convertible. Trimmed standard or de luxe. Series 98 cars have Hydra-matic drive on all models; it is still optional on the 76 cars.

In the new Fisher body for Oldsmobile, leg room for rear seat passengers has been increased nearly two inches through the development of a new type of spring for the front seat, which provides greater clearance over the floor.

The springs, instead of being the conventional coil type, have a zig-zag construction that measures up to the strictest tests for strength and durability as well as for comfort.

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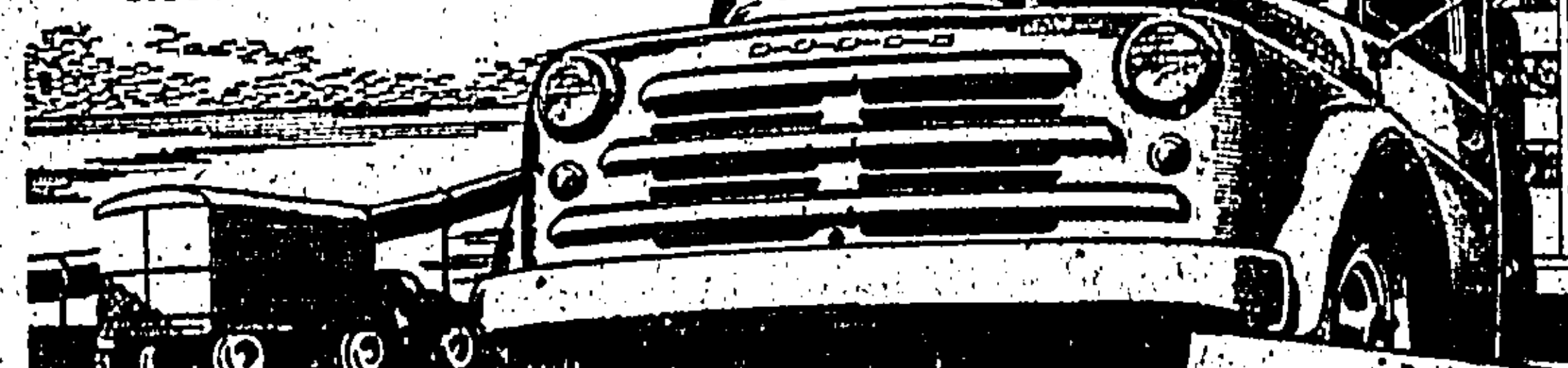
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BRITISH ARMY IS IN TRANSITIONAL STAGE

London, March 10.

The British Army is going through a transitional stage, in which the vital planning factor is carrying out the commitments of the defence of the Western Union.

Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary for War, said this in the House of Commons today when introducing the Army Estimates.

Should mobilisation be necessary in the near future, he said, Britain will have available a substantial number of men who served in the war and are on reserve.

Later, when the conscripts pass into the Territorial Army, the reserves will total well over 500,000, always available and trained up to date.

Mr. Shinwell asked the House to vote £304,700,000 for the Army for the coming year, compared with £300,000,000 (including a supplementary request for £55,000,000) for the current year.

The British troops in Malaya are fighting in conditions as bad as can be experienced anywhere but they are performing their tasks with great vigour, Mr. Shinwell said.

In June, 1948, the civil authorities in Malaya, faced with a campaign to overthrow the administration and to dislocate the economic life of the country, asked the Army to assist in maintaining order, he said.

"Some thousands of well-armed Chinese, operating from

bases deep in the jungle, were following a systematic policy of murder and intimidation, together with the destruction of buildings, machinery and rubber plantations."

Urgent Need

"Since June, in addition to the 4th Hussars and other reinforcements, the Guards Brigade has been sent from the United Kingdom. It was naturally some time before these reinforcements could be acclimatised but they are now operating with much efficiency against an enemy who is favoured with every military factor, except that of equipment and supply."

"In such circumstances, a very high state of efficiency in the use of weapons, in physical fitness and personal courage is necessary. The living conditions for our troops, even when not in action, are not as satisfactory as I should like, although every attempt is being made to improve them. "When they are in action, the conditions are, I am advised, as bad as can be experienced anywhere. Nevertheless, in the face of all these difficulties, our troops are performing their part with great vigour."

Summer Manoeuvres

Mr. Shinwell said that the need of the other Western Union countries for equipment to train their forces is so urgent that Britain may have to draw substantially on her own reserves.

Britain has already offered certain types of equipment surplus to her immediate needs, he added.

Mr. Shinwell said: "The most valuable contribution we can make to further the Western Union Pact is by providing the most up-to-date equipment for our own forces and by pushing on research and development to ensure that these forces and, indeed, all the forces of the Western Union, are assured of every advantage which modern science and production can give."

Mr. Shinwell said the British Army intends to restart training exercises on a formation level this summer. In the autumn it will carry out a large-scale exercise with troops in the British Army on the Rhine.

Mr. Reginald Paget, Labour, said Western Europe today requires a force of at least 20 really efficient mobile divisions. As far as he can ascertain, the available divisions in Western Europe are: France—five in France and two in Africa, Belgium—three, Holland—probably about two.

Mr. Paget said that Britain, in terms of immediately available divisions, can at this moment do very little indeed.

If War Comes

Mr. Frederick Bellenger, another Labour Member and a former War Minister, said he is a little disturbed at the handing over of some British reserve equipment to the other Western Union nations.

He hoped that the British Army, if regular recruiting is successful, will not find itself in a poor position for modern equipment.

For the opposition, Mr. Anthony Head, chairman of the Conservative Party's Army Committee, said the Army Britain is designing can never be up to a very high standard.

He asked how is it that with £305 million and 650,000 men there are so few formations and units that can fight. Mr. Head declared that in the event of a war the fate of Western Europe will be settled in the first few months.—Reuter.

Mountbatten Inheritance Tax Bill

London, March 10.

Lady Mountbatten will probably have to spend between £400 and £500 on the bill she is to introduce to Parliament to free herself from inheritance restrictions, lawyers estimated.

The figure is based on the assumption that the bill will be unopposed.

Trustees of the £4,000,000 estate by Ernest Cassel to his grand-daughter, Lady Mountbatten, and others in 1921 see no reason to oppose the bill.

Its object is to give Lady Mountbatten greater personal control over her £1,000,000 share in the fortune because of increased taxation.

Restrictions in the bequest prevent her from touching the capital, or borrowing on future income.

The bill will be presented to Parliament with a petition and examined by various committees before it is introduced to the House of Lords and then the Commons.—Reuter.

'RUSSIANS CAN'T MAKE THE BOMB'

Berlin, March 10.

The Nobel Prize winner, Otto Hahn, believes that Russia has not yet produced an atom bomb.

"They could not make one in such a short time," said the 70-year-old German scientist who won the Prize in 1944 for his pioneer work in uranium fission.

Russians may have built a uranium pile but they can not have got enough plutonium to make a bomb, he told an interviewer.

"It took the joint efforts of the entire American industry to make it," said Hahn.

"The technical installations required are so expensive that it is not possible to make an atom bomb in such a short time, just as Britain or Switzerland or France could not make it."—Associated Press.

SHOSTAKOVITCH FOR AMERICA

Moscow, March 10.

The American Embassy said today that Dmitri Shostakovich, the composer, has applied for a visa to visit the United States.

The composer and five other well-known Soviet artists will be guests at the National Council of Arts, Cultural and Scientific Conference for world peace from March 25-27 in New York at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Others also applying for visas include:

Alexander Fadeyev, author of "Young Guard" and General Secretary of the Union of Soviet Writers; Sergei Gerasimov, film producer; Peter Pavlov, film director and novelist (he won the Stalin prize for his novel, "Happiness"); and Mikhail Chlaurell.

The written requests for the American visas will probably be acted upon favourably and very soon, an officer at the American consular section of the Embassy said.

To be in New York in time for the opening session the Russians will probably fly.—Associated Press.

"AXIS SALLY" IS FOUND GUILTY

Washington, March 11.

Mildred E. (Axis Sally) Gillars was convicted of treason today.

The 40-year-old American woman was found guilty of making Nazi radio broadcasts during the war.—Associated Press.

Fox Hunters Get Breather

London, March 10.

A Private Member's Bill to prohibit the traditional sport of fox hunting was withdrawn today after Government assurance that a committee will be set up to inquire into cruelty to wild animals.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Premier, said the Government thinks a case exists for investigation by a suitable committee.

The bill, which had led to considerable controversy in the press, was accordingly withdrawn.—Reuter.

SIDNEY STANLEY'S FUTURE

London, March 10.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Clutter Ede, told the House of Commons today that he will not consider sending Mr. Sidney Stanley to Israel until the Polish authorities in Warsaw decide whether he can be admitted as a Polish citizen.

Mr. Stanley, a Jew, was a central figure in the recent public investigation of activities of contact men allegedly obtaining favours from several Ministries. A pre-war deportation order against Mr. Stanley had never been executed and efforts are being made to determine whether Polish-born Stanley is a Polish citizen.

In reply to a question, Mr. Ede said he hopes for a report from the Polish Government soon.

A Labour member, Mr. Will Nally, asked whether the matter will be taken up with the Israeli Government in view of the fact that Stanley has sought permission to enter Palestine. Mr. Ede said he understands Stanley is a Pole and that he will await a Polish decision before considering whether an approach should be made to any other Government.—Associated Press.

Aussies After British Plant

Melbourne, March 10.

Four chief engineers from Australia's State Electrical Commission are leaving for Britain this week-end to buy £2,400,000 worth of electrical coil briquetting plant.

If British firms cannot supply the orders in time they will be placed in Switzerland and Germany.

The engineers plan to spend another £2,400,000 on special brown coal briquetting plant in the Anglo-American zones of Germany.—Reuter.

RUSSIA SPENDING MORE ON HER DEFENCE FORCES

Moscow, March 11.

The Finance Minister, A. G. Zverev, told Parliament last night that the Soviet Union plans to spend almost 20 per cent more on her armed forces this year than last year.

The new figure is 79,000,000,000 rubles. This is the equivalent of £3,750,000,000 by the Russian official exchange rate.

He announced the largest budget in the Soviet Union's history.

It provides for revenues of 445,208,000,000 rubles during the current calendar year. Expenditures will be 415,355,000,000 rubles. This will leave a 30,000,000,000 surplus.

Corresponding figures last year were: revenues 408,400,000,000, expenditures 380,800,000,000, surplus 27,600,000,000.

Zverev revealed that the Government spent 66 billion rubles on her armed forces last year. (A budget proposing total expenditures of \$41,858,000,000, including \$14,300,000,000 for her armed forces, is pending in the United States Congress. The British military budget calls for \$784,750,000.)

(No exact comparison is possible between the military budgets of the three great powers on available information.)

Peace Policy

This is because of varying cost factors, the different items included in the military budgets of the various nations, and insufficient information on these factors in Russia.

Zverev's announcement to Parliament (the Supreme Soviet) was made in the presence of the Prime Minister, Joseph Stalin, the First Deputy Prime Minister, V. M. Molotov, the Deputy Prime Minister, A. I. Mikoyan, and other high Soviet officials.

The Parliamentary session gave no indication of last week's Cabinet shift which relieved Mr. Molotov of his duties as Foreign Minister and Mr. Mikoyan of his job as Minister of Foreign Trade. Both accompanied Stalin upon the tribute.

Zverev said much of the increase in expenditures for the armed forces is accounted for by higher wholesale costs, due to the abolition of state subsidies. "The Soviet Union's policy of world peace will continue," he declared.

Attack On West

The Finance Minister then delivered a sharp attack on the United States. He blamed America for the present troubled international situation.

Until States military expenditures in this year's budget are 15 times higher than they were in

U.S. Walk-Out At UN Meeting

Lake Success, March 10.

The United States delegate to the UN Economic and Social Council stormed out of the meeting today when the Polish delegate referred to U.S. General John Hodge as the gauleiter for Korea.

The U.S. representative, Leroy Stinebower, interrupting the speech being made by Julius Katz-Suchy of Poland, stood up and said: "I and my delegation will not sit at this meeting while these types of insults continue."

He returned after Mr. Katz-Suchy finished his speech. The deputy U.S. representative, Mr. Walter Kotschnig, accompanied Mr. Stinebower in the walk-out.

It is the first time an American delegate has walked out of a UN session in this manner. It recalls the walk-out of Russia's Andrei Gromyko in the Spring of 1946 during the Security Council debate of the Iranian question.

Today's incident took place while the Economic and Social

Auriol's Appeal For French Unity

Paris, March 10.

The President of the Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, today called for the unity of all Frenchmen, and said France cannot remain isolated and unarmed while others form armed groups.

Addressing provincial newspapermen, he appealed to them to help the country avoid a division of the French people into those who want peace and those who, it is said, want war.

France, he said, will never sign anything that pacts an exclusively defensive type in accordance with the principles and within the framework provided under the United Nations Charter.

"We shall not threaten the freedom of any people, but neither shall we ever let others weaken us by disturbing our economy, dividing the nation and hindering our reconstruction."

France does not believe in the inevitability of war, but with the world still in arms, the allies of yesterday divided and the United Nations Organisation paralysed by mistrust and fear, the French people would never forgive their leaders for being blind, isolated and passive, he added.

Speaking of Marshall aid to Europe and of the British-French-Belgian proposal for a European Union, M. Auriol said: "Nobody was excluded except those who had excluded themselves."

The Western countries would welcome a frank discussion with the leaders of the countries whose interests might seem to be in opposition, and above all any practical and serious peace proposal, any act likely to banish mistrust.—Reuter.

JULIANA BACK

Amsterdam, March 10.

Queen Juliana returned today with her youngest daughter, Princess Maryke, from a short holiday in Sankt Anton, Austrian Tyrol.

Affairs of state prevented her from staying longer with her husband, Prince Bernhard, and her daughters, Princesses Beatrix, Irene and Margriet. Prince Bernhard is reported to be slightly unwell.—Associated Press.

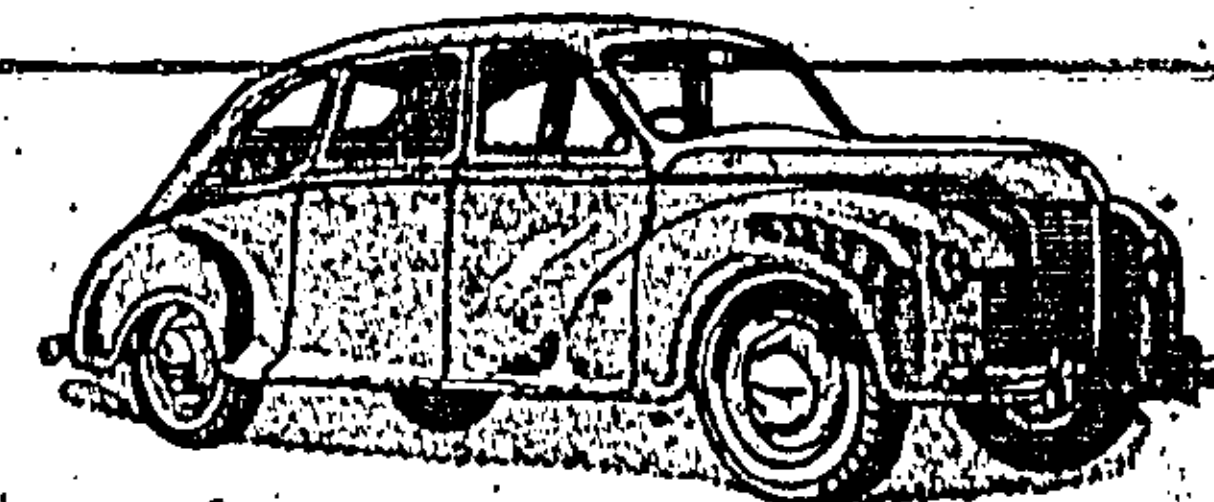
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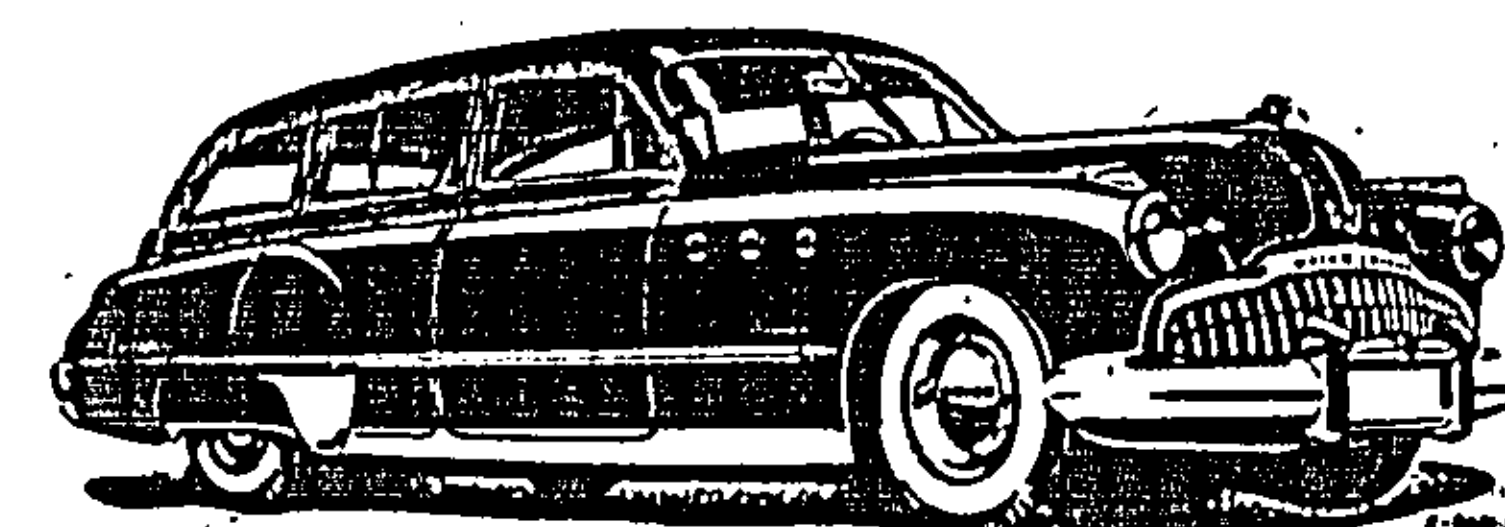
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SOUTH AFRICAN DEFICIT

Pretoria, March 10.

During January, 1949, South Africa spent £18,400,500 more than her income, official figures showed today.

The figures gave exports at £13,178,608 and imports at £13,583,231. Imports represent an increase of £2,000,000 compared with December.—Associated Press.



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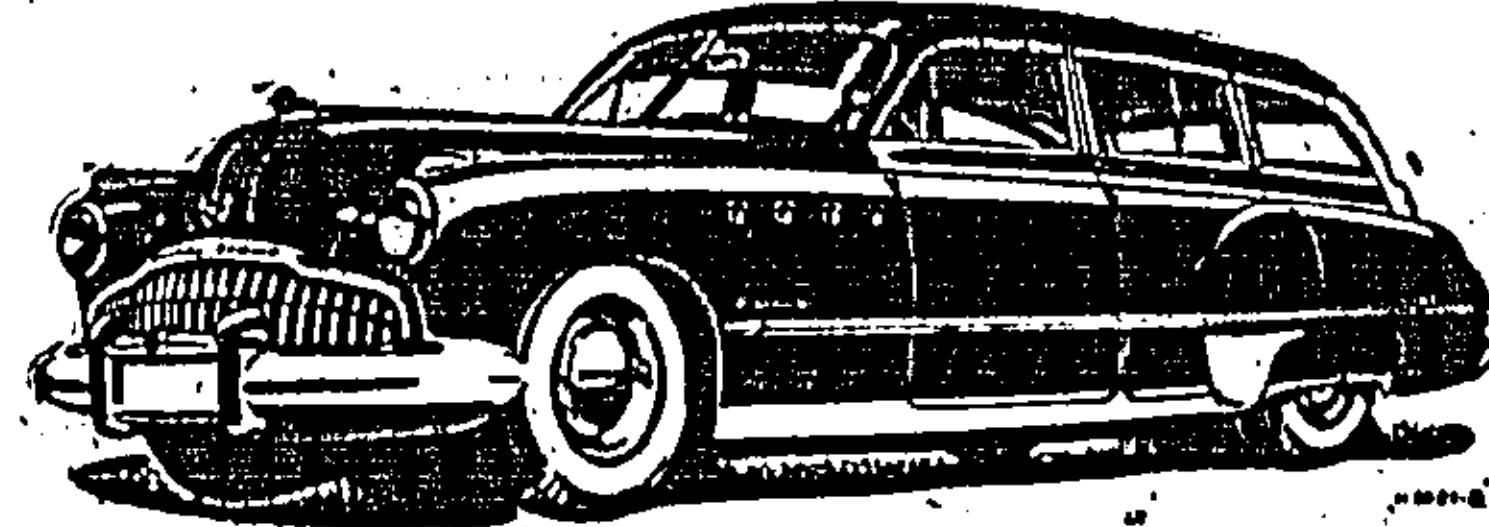
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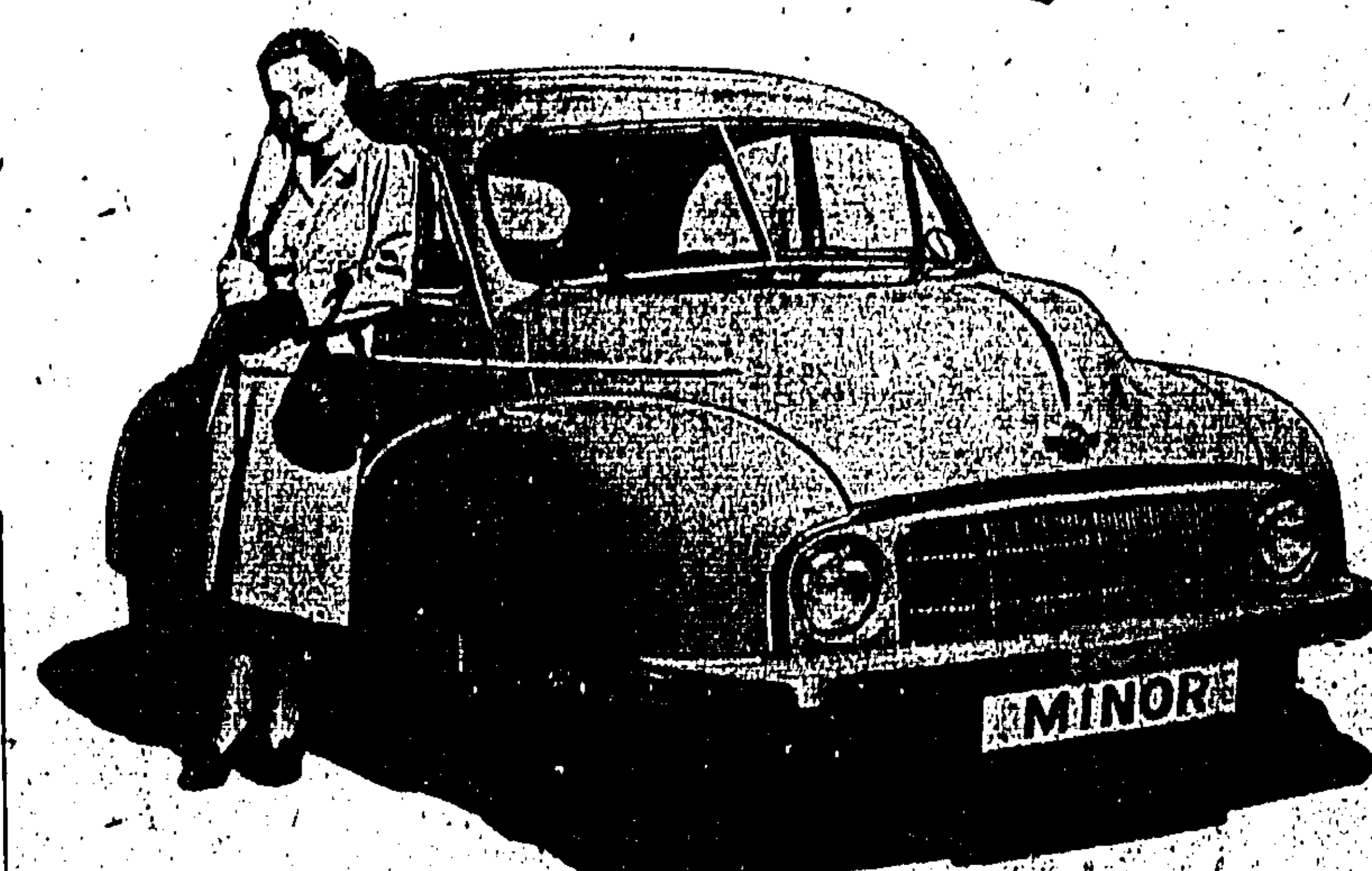
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THEIR FINEST HOUR

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brigades into a single National
Fire Service, and to supplement
this with a great Fire Guard of
civilians trained and working in
their spare time. The Fire Guard,
like the roof-watchers, was at first
recruited on a voluntary basis, but
like them it became by general
consent compulsory. The National
Fire Service gave us the advan-
tages of greater mobility, a univer-
sal standard of training and
equipment and formally recognized
rank. The other Civil Defence
forces produced regional columns
ready at a minute's notice to go
anywhere.

The name Civil Defence Service
was substituted for the pro-
vision of Air Raid Precautions
(A.R.P.). Good uniforms were
provided for large numbers, and
they became conscious of being
Fourth Arm of the Crown.
In all this work Herbert Morris-
son was ably assisted by a brave
woman whose death we have
lately mourned, Ellen Wilkinson.
She was out and about in the
shelters at all hours of the day
and night and took a prominent
part in the organization of the
Fire Guard, The Women's Volun-
tary Service, under the inspiring
leadership of Lady Reading, also
played an invaluable part.

Safer World

I was glad that if any of our
cities were to be attacked, the
brunt should fall on London.
London was like some huge pre-
historic animal, capable of en-
during terrible injuries, mangled
and bleeding from many wounds,
and yet preserving its life and
movement. The Anderson shelters
were widespread in the working-
class districts of two-storey houses,
and everything was done to make
them habitable and drain them in
wet weather. Later the Morrison
shelter was developed, which was
no more than a heavy kitchen
table made of steel with strong
wire sides, capable of holding up
the roof of a small house and
thus giving a measure of protec-
tion. Many owed their lives to it.
For the rest, "London could take
it."

As we could see no reason why
the hostile bombing of London
should not go on throughout the
war, it was necessary to make
long-term plans for safely housing
the central Government machine.
Lord Beaverbrook was entrusted
with the task of making a large
number of bomb-proof strongholds
capable of housing the whole es-
sential staffs of many departments
of State, and a dozen of them,
several connected by tunnels, sur-
vive in London today. None of

these were finished till long after
the aeroplane raids were over,
and few were used during the pil-
laged aircraft and rocket attacks.
However, although these buildings
were never used for the purposes
for which they were prepared, it
was good to feel we had them
under our lee. The Admiralty on
their own constructed the vast
magnificent which weighs upon
the Horse Guards Parade, and the
demolition of whose twenty-foot-
thick steel and concrete walls will
be a problem for future genera-
tions when we reach a safer
world.

Solid Stone

Towards the middle of October
Josiah Wedgwood began to make
a fuss in Parliament about my
not having an absolutely bomb-
proof shelter for the night raid.
He was an old friend of mine, and
had been grievously wounded in
the Dardanelles. He had always
been a single-taxer. Later
he broadened his views on
taxation and joined the Labour
Party. His brother was the
Chairman of the Railway Ex-
ecutive Committee. Before the war
they had had the foresight to con-
struct a considerable underground
office in Piccadilly. It was 70 feet
below the surface and covered with
strong, high buildings. I began to
be pressed from all sides to resort
to this shelter for sleeping pur-
poses. Eventually I agreed, and
from the middle of October till the
end of the year I used to go there
once the firing had started, to
transact my evening business and
sleep undisturbed. One felt a
natural compunction at having
much more safety than most other
people, but so many pressed me
that I let them have their way.

After about forty nights in the
railway shelter, the Annex became
stronger, and I moved back to it.
Here during the rest of the
war my wife and I lived com-
fortably. We felt confidence in
this solid stone building, and only
on very rare occasions went down
below the armour. My wife even
hung up our few pictures in the
sitting-room, which I had thought
it better to keep bare. Her view
prevailed and was justified by the
event. From the roof near the
cupola of the Annex there was
a splendid view of London on clear
nights. They made a place for me
with overhead cover from splinters,
and one could walk in the moon-
light and watch the fireworks. In
1941 I used to take some of my
American visitors up here from
time to time after dinner. They
were always most interested.
On the night of November 3 for

the first time in nearly two months
no alarm sounded in London. The
silence seemed quite odd to many.
They wondered what was wrong.
On the following night the enemy's
attacks were widely dispersed
throughout the Island; and this
continued for a while. There had
been another change in the policy
of the German offensive. Although
London was still regarded as the
principal target, a major effort
was now to be made to cripple the
industrial centres of Britain.
Special squadrons had been trained
with new navigational devices to
attack specific key-centres. For
instance one formation was trained
solely for the destruction of the
Rolls-Royce aero-engine works at
Birmingham, Glasgow. All this was
a makeshift and interim plan.
The invasion of Britain had been
temporarily abandoned, and the
black-upon-Russia had not been
mounted or expected outside Hil-
ler's intimate circle. The remain-
ing winter months were therefore
to be for the German Air Force
a period of experiment, both in
technical devices in night-bombing,
and in attacks upon British sea-
borne trade, together with an at-
tempt to break down our produc-
tion, military and civil.

Dark Hours

These new bombing tactics be-
gan with the blitz on Coventry on
the night of November 14. London
seemed too large and vague a tar-
get for decisive results, but Goer-
ing hoped that provincial cities or
munition centres might be effec-
tively obliterated. The raid started
early in the dark hours of the 14th,
and by dawn nearly 600 German
aircraft had dropped 600 tons of
high explosives and thousands of
incendiaries. On the whole this
was the most devastating raid which
we sustained. The centre of Coven-
try was shattered, and its life for
a spell completely ruptured. Five
hundred people were killed and
many more seriously injured. The
German radio proclaimed that our
other cities would be similarly
"concentrated." Nevertheless the
all-important aero-engine and
machine-tool factories were not
brought to a standstill; nor was
the population, hitherto untried
in the ordeal of bombing, put out of
action. In less than a week an
emergency reconstruction commit-
tee did wonderful work in
restoring the life of the city.
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JAPANESE INDUSTRIES LABOUR WRITER URGES REVIVAL

New York, March 11.

G. D. H. Cole, British Socialist writer, urges the re-
vival of Japanese light industry as a means of
raising Asian living standard generally.

Mr. Cole approves the American policy of restoring
Japanese textile and similar export industries
despite the opposition of Anglo-American
manufacturers who fear Japanese competition
in the world market, particularly in colonial
and economically backward territories.

"From the standpoint of the
peoples of such territories," he
said, "it is the best thing that
could happen."

"Cheap Japanese bicycles have
been a godsend to peasants in
many backward areas. These
bicycles have not been bought
instead of the bicycles offered by
the country or by the manufacturers
in any of the more advanced
countries."

"They have been bought main-
ly by persons much too poor to
afford any bicycles at all, unless
the Japanese had offered a re-
markably cheap article."

"Similarly, cheap Japanese
textiles have been bought by
millions of persons who could by
no possibility have afforded Lan-
cashire's superior products; and
the same thing could be said of
many other goods produced by
the lighter industries of Japan."

Absurd Notion

"The hope of exports for the
advanced countries lies in any-
thing that will make the poorer
peoples of the world better off;
and there is no doubt that the
industries of Japan, given the
 requisite access to the world's
markets for light consumer goods,
can make a considerable con-
tribution to this."

"Japanese industrial wages
remain substantially higher
than those paid in other Asia-
tic countries, and it is an ab-
surd notion that peasants much
poorer than the Japanese
workers ought to be prevented
from buying Japanese goods
because they are products of
'swamped labour'."

Prime Need

Mr. Cole believes that control
of Japan's imports, especially
scrap metal, should enable ar-

DRASTIC ACTION BY CAPETOWN

Capetown, March 10.

The South African Treasury
today announced a drastic cur-
tailment of all transfers of
funds to non-sterling countries.

The announcement said: "As a
result of the heavy drain on the
Union's gold reserves, the Treas-
ury has been compelled to cur-
tail drastically all transfers of
funds to non-sterling countries.
Pursuant to this policy, remit-
tances to non-sterling countries
for the engagement of the ser-
vices of dance bands, musicians,
singers, boxers, wrestlers and
other persons for entertainment
purposes in the Union is also be-
ing restricted."

People wishing to bring en-
tertainers into the country are
warned to get approval of the
control before signing contracts.
Applications will be considered
on their merits.

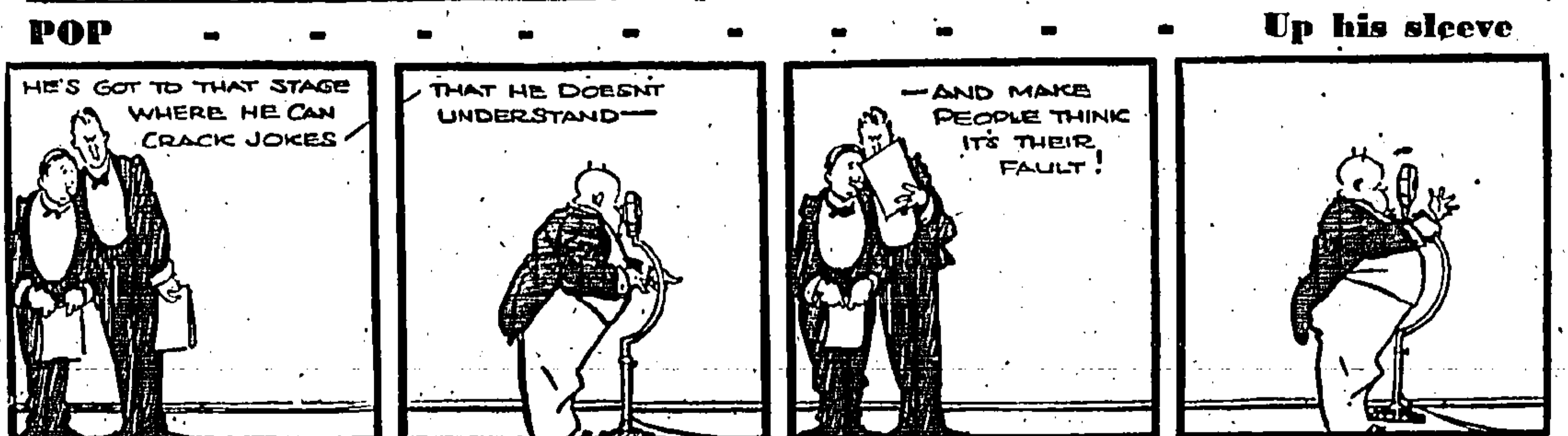
Only a week ago, a list of re-
stricted imports, many of them
exported from Britain, was an-
nounced under the Union's au-
thority programme to stop the
outflow of sterling assets. It in-
cluded motorcycles, gramophones
and radios. Cars costing over
£500 and radiograms priced at
more than £15 were barred al-
together.—Reuter.

CHINA-GERMANY PHONE SERVICE

Berlin, March 10.

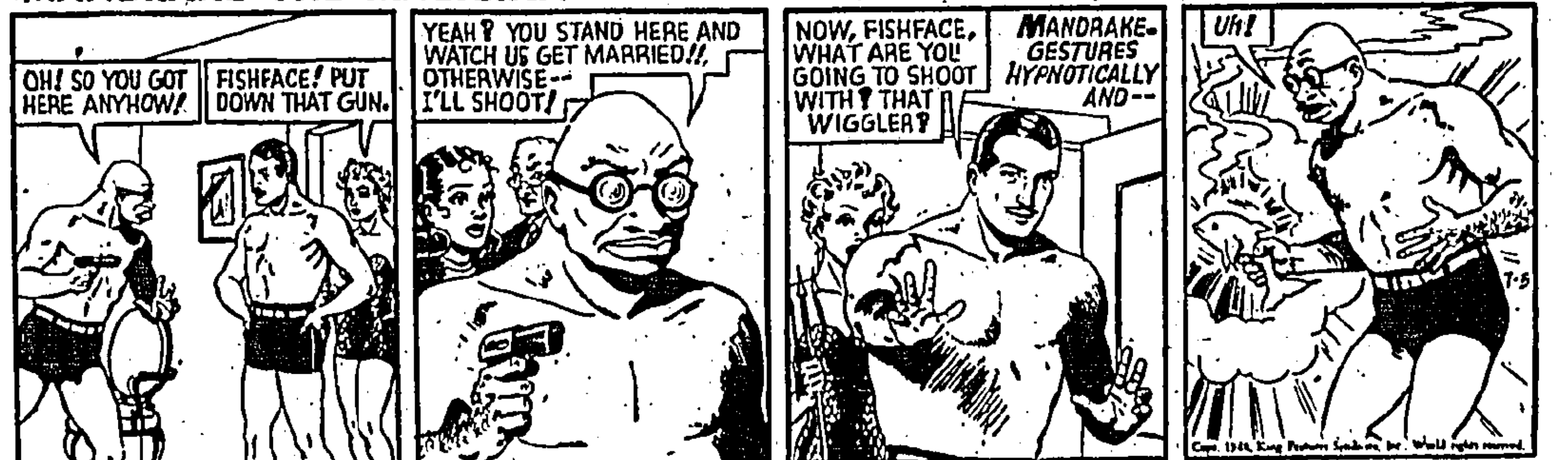
The Western Allies have ap-
proved the resumption of tele-
phone service between Western
Germany and China, Alaska and
18 Western Hemisphere countries.
An American statement said
the date the service will re-open
will be announced later.—United
Press.

Scott Air Force Base, Illinois,
March 10.
Twenty-five United States Air
force weather experts concluded a
two-day conference here—and
found themselves marooned by a
snowstorm none of them had
forecast.—Reuter.



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"FOYANG"	Kobe, Yokohama & Kobe	10 a.m. 15th Mar.
"HUNAN"	Amoy, Swatow, Hallow, Saigon, Singapore	10 a.m. 16th Mar.
"HUPHAI"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 17th Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"HUPHAI"	Shanghai & Keelung	7 a.m. 13th Mar.
"FOOCHOW"	Nagasaki	7.30 a.m. 13th Mar.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	9 a.m. 15th Mar.

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Court Brevities

One is never too old to learn as three men, whose ages range from 72 to 75, learned yesterday.

They were among 30 defendants charged with hawking without licence. The trio were cautioned and discharged but their young contemporaries were fined \$15 each by Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Another old man, brought was an invalid and had to be carried by an attendant.

After the magistrate has perused a medical certificate stating that defendant might die if the opium was deprived of him, the old man was discharged.

"But I have been sitting here for four days, and right now my mother is outside waiting for me!" exclaimed a 10-year-old girl.

She was the last of a line of some 45 juveniles charged with hawking without licence. She was allowed to join her mother.

As Romulus and Remus have fought over where Rome should be built, did three Norwegian seamen fight over which way their taxi should go.

This landed them before Mr. Blair-Kerr on a charge of disorderly conduct.

DSI MacDonald prosecuting said that the three men, Nelson Didrikson, aged 50, A. J. Jacobsen, aged 29, and Gustav Erlingson, aged 20, hired a taxi and gave no destination.

Once inside the taxi, the first and second defendants wanted to go to a bar, but Erlingson insisted that he should be taken back to his ship at the docks. So they got out of the taxi and exchanged blows until they were arrested.

Jacobson had his bail of \$100 estimated, the other two defendants were each bound over in the sum of \$100. They had also each to pay the taxi driver \$5 for fare.

A 11-year-old boy brought up on a charge of begging last week, has now found a home.

A well-to-do Chinese engineer has adopted him through the arrangements of the Juvenile Care Centre at Kowloon which has a representative in the Juvenile Court daily.

Dues in Kowloon now have such a depository slot for used tickets. This is obviously done in cooperation with Government's "Keep Your City Clean" campaign. It also serves an additional purpose in that discarded tickets cannot be retrieved and used in the crowded Kowloon buses.

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ST. STEPHEN'S OLD BOYS MEET

The annual meeting of the St. Stephen's Old Boys' Association was held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Roof Garden, yesterday.

After the meeting, a dinner was held at which a large number of guests attended.

Presiding at the meeting, Mr. Mok Hing-wing, chairman, gave a vote of thanks to the officials of the Association for their support during the past year.

The following officers were elected: Mr. Chan Yi-leung, president; Mr. Chan Kai-ling as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer; Committee: Messrs. Mok Hing-wing, Leung Tai-wah, Chow In-ning, See Wei-ming, Kok Pak-cheung, Shui Wal-ming, Cheng Wung-kui and Li Hin-hang.

DONATIONS

Following is a list of the donations to the St. John's Cathedral Organ Fund received up to March 10 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Mrs. Elma Kelly (in memory of Mrs. Alfred Morris \$25, Mr. and Mrs. C. Willcox \$100, Catherine Ann Sainsbury \$25, P.D.A. Child (Hon. Treasurer, Hong Kong Singers) \$15, Mr. and Mrs. D. Miss Allen Woods and Miss Doris Woods \$10, Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Hamilton \$10, Grant Borthals \$1,071.00 = HK\$ 1,778.90 Received up to January 12, 1949 and already acknowledged = HK\$ 61,628.04

Total donations received up to March 10, 1949 = HK\$32,423.94

Donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Exchange Building.

Following is a list of the donations to the St. John's Cathedral Restoration Fund received up to March 10 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

L.M. Watkins \$20, Timothy Handwick \$15, Mr. A.B. Abbot \$25, Miss E.S. Atkins \$5, Miss E.M.R. Buckland \$10, A.J.W. Evans \$10, G.B. Wilby \$20, Miss D. Wise \$10, H. Bernacchi \$10, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Wood \$5, Mr. and Mrs. D. Goshall \$20, Miss E.B. Atkins \$5, Miss E.M.R. Buckland \$10, A.J.W. Evans \$10, G.B. Wilby \$20, Miss D. Wise \$10, Mr. and Mrs. L. Tse-fong (in commemoration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary) \$5,000. Restoration Box \$110.15 = HK\$ 6,889.16 Received up to January 12, 1949 and already acknowledged = HK\$ 128,601.10

Total donations received up to March 10, 1949 = HK\$144,490.81

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Lease Pact Too Vague, Judge Says

Mr. Justice Reynolds yesterday ruled that an alleged agreement for a lease in respect of No. 45, Hankow Road, 3rd floor, was too vague to constitute a settlement of a tenancy appeal which, he directed, must be heard.

The point was raised by Mr. M.A. da Silva, acting for Mr. Leo Green, for whose eviction the landlord, Chan King-luen, had unsuccessfully sought a summary judgment, and the case was taken to the Supreme Court on appeal.

When the appeal came up for hearing Mr. Silva informed the Court that the point in dispute had been settled by an agreement arrived at between the parties.

The basis of the settlement was a proposed lease of the disputed premises to Mr. Green's nominee. However, the parties failed to come to an agreement, it being held that a new lease agreement and a settlement of the appeal were two separate matters.

In his judgment Mr. Justice Reynolds said it appeared that the solicitors had never come to an agreement, and the terms arrived at by them were too vague to constitute a settlement of the appeal.

Money Market

Gold had another quiet day yesterday, opening at HK\$305 a unit and closing at \$305.12½, after it had gone up to \$305.75.

US dollars continued to climb, reaching HK\$5.10½, and closing at a quarter of a cent down.

Gold Yuan was quoted at HK\$12.25 for 10,000 for Hong Kong delivery; \$10.50 for Canton remittances; and \$9.97½ for Shanghai remittances.

Plastics opened at HK\$10.25 a 100 and closed at 10.22½, after dropping to \$10.12½.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$24.30 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK\$33.90 a 100 and closed at 20 cents lower.

Sterling was slightly higher, opening at HK\$15.17 in the morning and closing at 15.16.

Australian pounds climbed five more cents to HK\$12.80.

The "Cosara" a DC-3 owned by Mr. Maurice Loubiere, landed at Kai Tak yesterday on its maiden flight from Saigon.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE Outward Mails AIRMAIL DELAYED

1. The Inward Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Thursday, March 10, is now expected to arrive on Saturday, March 12, 1949.

2. The Outward Airmail for Japan, scheduled to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, will now close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 1949. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

3. The Inward Airmail from Japan, scheduled to arrive on Sunday, March 13, is now expected to arrive on Tuesday, March 15, 1949.

4. The Outward Airmail for United Kingdom, scheduled to close at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, will now close on Tuesday, March 15, at Kowloon GPO 4.30 p.m., and Hong Kong GPO 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

OUTWARD MAIL TO U.K.

A surface mail to United Kingdom per H.M. "Corfu" will be closed as follows: GPO—Parcels 5 p.m. March 12, Reg. 9 a.m. March 14, Ord. 9.30 a.m. March 14.

Kowloon GPO—Parcels 5 p.m. March 12, Reg. 9.30 a.m. March 14, Ord. 9 a.m. March 14.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about April 16, 1949.

With effect from March 8, 1949, all correspondence intended to be forwarded by air to London only, and then by surface mail to destination, must be superseded by Air to London only. (In future it will not be sufficient to merely supersede such correspondence "via London".)

Mail Service to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice.

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Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

CLOSING TIMES, MARCH 12

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin; Airmail for Chungking, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Marseilles, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Noon.

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Shanghai, 3 p.m.

Swatow, 3 p.m.

Hai Phong, 5 p.m.

Teamkone (via Canton), 5 p.m.

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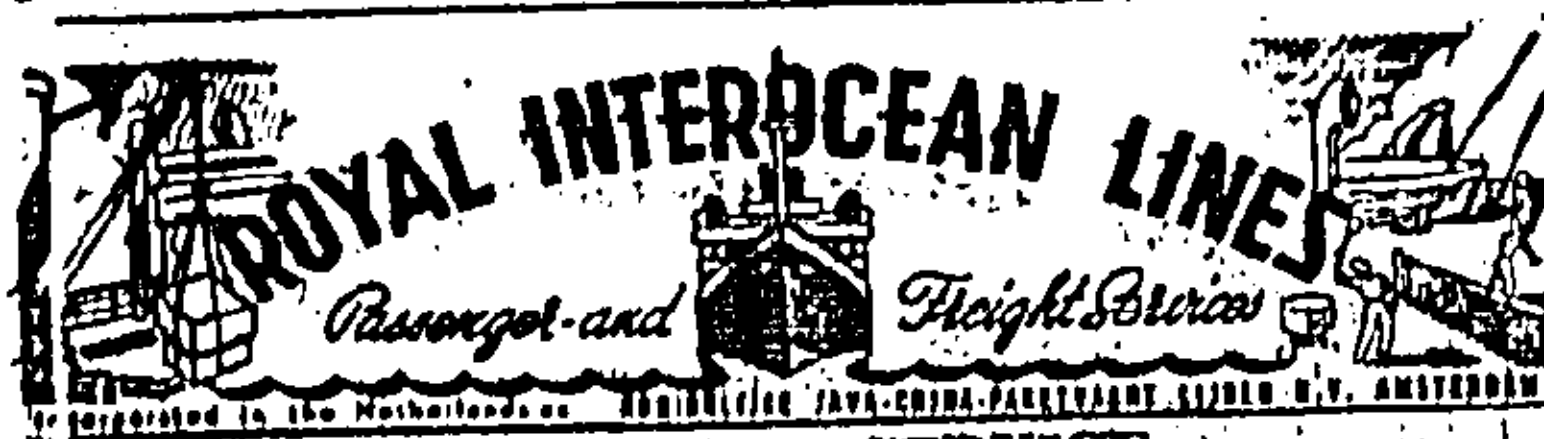
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EFFORT TO STABILISE WORLD COTTON PRICES

Washington, March 11.

Cotton exporting and importing nations will meet soon to decide whether to attempt an agreement aimed at stabilising cotton prices. Such an agreement would be modelled after that which an international conference is seeking to negotiate here for wheat without much success thus far.

The cotton meeting will be held in Belgium on April 25-30. It is being called by the International Cotton Advisory Council, an inter-governmental agency which has been struggling with world price and market problems of cotton since before the war.

The U.S. has been a major factor in the move to get an agreement. The idea is to divide world markets of both wheat and cotton among exporting countries on a basis that would assure each its fair share of exports at prices fair to both producers and consumers.

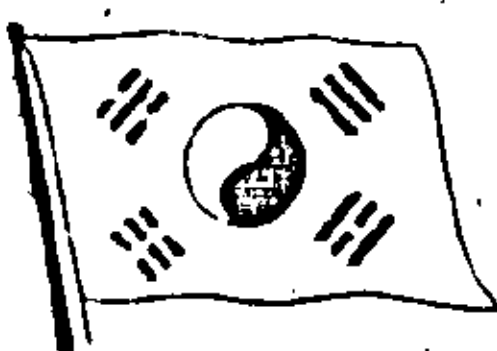
The matter of a cotton

agreement, last discussed at a meeting of the Council at Cairo, Egypt, last year, was postponed pending return of more nearly normal world conditions after World War II. American delegates may advise postponement of negotiations on a cotton agreement until after a decision is reached in a wheat agreement.

Meanwhile, it may become necessary for the U.S. either to allow cotton markets to dwindle further, or to take action, such as possible export subsidies, to make its cotton competitive in a world market that has changed from a seller's to a buyer's market since the war.—Associated Press.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 11.
Stock price changes were mostly small fractions, almost evenly divided between gains and losses. Trading was skimpy, 630,000 shares changed hands. Typical changes—Burlington Mills, down 1/4 at 14 1/4, National Discount up 1/4 at 33.

Only 521 shares were traded of the 352 advanced and 331 declined.

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Colgate 32 1/2.

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Montgomery Ward 65 1/2.

National Distillers 17 1/2.

National Lead 31 1/2.

New York Central 11 1/2.

Packard Motor 37 1/2.

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Radio Corp. 12 1/2.

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Associated Press.

RUSSIAN EXPORT OF WHEAT

Washington, March 10.
Russia will provide 50 million bushels of the annual 505 million bushels of wheat to be supplied by exporting countries under a proposed new international wheat agreement.

Russia had asked for a share of one-fifth in the world's wheat exports in earlier negotiations. There was no explanation how she had been persuaded to accept half that amount.—Reuter.

BANK DIVIDEND

At the stockholders meeting on April 4, the Directors of the Chartered Bank India, Australia and China, will recommend final dividend at the rate of six per cent annual, subject income tax making 12 per cent for the year.

Allocations: £100,000, Pension Fund: £15,000, Widows and Orphans Fund: £160,000, Bank Premises: £406,437, carried forward.

The dividend paid for the year 1947 was at the rate of 12 per cent per annum.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, March 11.

The steamer Julia Luckenbach sailed on Thursday for Yokohama.

Seattle: the H. H. Raymond sailed for Yokohama.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

HOLDING

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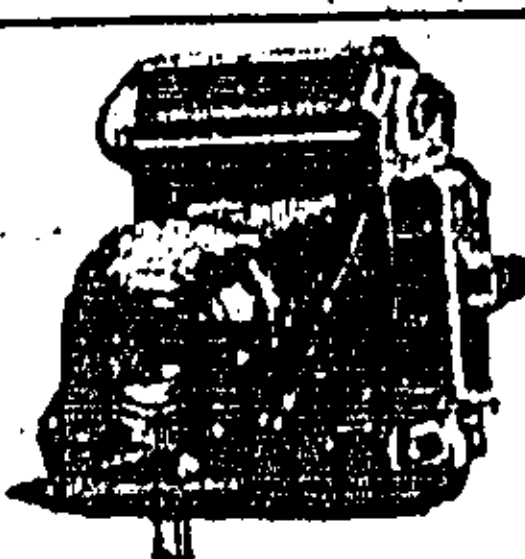
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South China 'A' Meet Navy This Afternoon

A full programme of soccer has been arranged for the week-end, with the First Division game between South China "A" and Royal Navy at Causeway Bay this afternoon taking the spotlight.

The meeting between Kowloon Motor Bus and Club at Boundary Street tomorrow is likely to be interesting, while the Kit Chee and Chinese AA game at Caroline Hill will draw large crowds on the Island.

Earlier in the season, Navy lost to South China "A" by three clear goals, after putting up a somewhat spirited display. Although the sailors practically over-ran the Chinese at one stage of the game, on that occasion, weakness in the forward line prevented them from scoring.

The sailors have been doing quite well of late and although another win for the Chinese is expected, there is always a chance that the Navy might bring a surprise, as they did in their match against Kowloon Motor Bus last month.

The two service teams, RAF and Army, will meet each other at Sookumpoo. The Armenians will undoubtedly take the field full of confidence after their well-merited win over St. Joseph's last week. It is expected, however, that they will be able to overcome the soldiers, who should take both points. Army won by two goals to one last time.

At Caroline Hill
A keenly contested game is expected at Caroline Hill between South China "B" and Eastern. The First Round game between these two teams proved to be an exciting affair and ended in a draw, each side scoring three times.

The match between Kowloon Motor Bus and Club at Boundary Street should prove to be the best of tomorrow's games, although Chinese soccer fans are likely to find the Kit Chee and Chinese AA game at Caroline Hill a greater attraction.

St. Joseph's v Police
St. Joseph's will be at home to Police on the Club Ground at Happy Valley. The last meeting between these two teams ended in a most unsatisfactory manner, play being abandoned with seven minutes left for play and the Saints leading by one goal to nil.

The Saints are no longer the powerful side that they were at the beginning of the season and a win for the Police tomorrow would not come as a surprise.

The statement of accounts for the month ended February 28, which was passed at Tuesday's meeting of the HKFA Council, revealed the somewhat interesting information that a sum of HK\$5,525.00 had been disbursed for medical expenses incurred as a result of the Korean series.

These figures would appear to indicate that football in Hong Kong is fast becoming a dangerous as well as expensive form of sport.

Press At Meetings

Opportunity might have been taken to make a few comments regarding the lack of consideration shown to the press at meetings of the HKFA.

With the exception of Mr. H. K. Lee, none of the other officials who have occasion to speak at these meetings can be heard audibly by members of the press, who have to stand either at the counter or at the end of the room.

It seems to be a common practice for officials of the HKFA, with the one exception mentioned, to make no attempt to make themselves and to pass rapidly from one item on the agenda to another without the press being cognizant of what is happening.

As regards treatment of the press, the HKFA certainly have something to learn from the Hong Kong Chinese Football Association.

The suggestion of calling upon the press to leave the room and to stand in a dark corridor for 15 or 20 minutes while officials deliberate on some point, is also most unsatisfactory. At a recent meeting, the press were asked to leave the room on two separate occasions.

It is suggested, therefore, that the HKFA know that they are going to hold "secret sessions" in future, they should notify the press to this effect and arrange to issue "hand-outs" to the press after the meeting. By adopting this procedure, the HKFA will save the press much valuable time and also eliminate much of the dissatisfaction which exists at present.

The following is the week-end programme:

Today
1st Division
RAF v Army; Sookumpoo 4.30 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney.
Linsmen: Pte. Collins and Mak Yung-tai.

UPSETS LIKELY IN TODAY'S VALLEY RACE MEETING

An interesting programme of 10 events will feature the Third Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the first race of which will commence promptly at 2 p.m. It is hoped that the weather will be fine. Even if it does not rain, the track will be on the soft side, with the inevitable result that the going will be slow, in which case upsets can be expected.

C.K. Lee Enters Semi-Final Of Shuttle Tourney

The University left-hander, C. K. Lee enters the Semi-Final of the Colony Badminton Singles Championship, when he scored a convincing win of 15-7, and 15-5 over YMCA's R. Young at the VRC last night.

Lee was the much steadier of the two, and his accurate smashes secured him most of the points. Young, on the other hand seemed to suffer from lack of match temperament, and was not playing his usual form, all his smashes and jobs going yards out of his mark.

The inter-family affair between the Soares and the Chungs in the Junior Mixed Doubles event turned out to be the most exciting as well as the most entertaining game of the evening.

The Soares won, but not after a gruelling three set duel. In the last game of the evening, between Recreio's M. A. Oliveira-J. J. Remedios and W. F. Foo and C. A. Au, the score had reached 12-11, when Oliveira slipped and dislocated his elbow.

This accident cannot but make the Committee of the Badminton Association realise the danger that a slippery court can cause to players.

The suggestion that the VRC court should have been thoroughly washed before the Championship games was suggested in these columns.

In addition the choice of the KCC court as a venue of the Championship games has been opposed repeatedly and it was surprising that no untoward accident occurred during last Thursday, when players were forced to indulge more in acrobatic stunts than badminton strokes.

FULL SCORES
Junior Men's Singles: M. Yew beat H. P. Tai, 15-3, 15-5.
Ladies' Doubles: Miss M. Silva and Miss M. Xavier beat Mrs. Correa and Mrs. M. P. Fong, 15-5, 15-5.
Junior Men's Doubles: W. C. Lau and Miss H. Kwong beat C. H. Ngan and Miss T. Remedios, 15-3, 15-10.
Senior Men's Singles: C. K. Lee beat H. P. Tai, 15-3, 15-5.
Ladies' Singles: Miss U. Khoo beat Miss T. Soares, 11-2, 11-1.
Junior Mixed Doubles: Mr. and Mrs. Soares beat Mr. and Mrs. Chan, 15-5, 15-13.
Senior Men's Doubles: W. F. Foo and C. A. Au beat J. J. Remedios and M. A. Oliveira (injured).

Today
2nd Division
Army-HK v Navy; Sookumpoo 3 p.m.; Referee: Pte. Collins.
Solicitors' v Kit Chee; Navy v RAF; Referee: S. Y. Kwok.
Tramways v South China; Caroline Hill 3 p.m.; Referee: F. A. Barretto.

Army-KI v CAA; Chatham Road, 3 p.m.; Referee: N. Delgado.

Penants Hinge On Week-End Games

(By "GRANDSTAND")
Softball fans are agog with excitement as the championship in the three divisions hinges on this week's activities. The Association's decision a few days ago, granting official recognition to the much-discussed game between Recreio and St. Joseph's, was practically a death-blow to the pennant hopes of the Green & White.

The decision also leaves a clear field ahead of the Canadians, except for a ruling on the Madcap league flag chase comes to an end this week as the Braves tangle with the Jaguars in the first-place tie-play-off, while the Wahos cross bats with the Wildcats once more in a struggle for survival.

A victory for the latter assures them the honour of receiving the China Mail Trophy, while a photo-finish in the ladies' loop, necessitating a championship play-off to be scheduled for a later date.

Never in the history of local softball has there been greater rivalry in the minor league than in the current pennant campaign which has narrowed down to a struggle between the Braves and the Jaguars after months of bitter feuding.

Both teams are well supported by fans and their diamond scuffles are fast developing into classics reminiscent of the now legendary Recreio-Saints day-fights.

When the Wildcats and the Wahos cross bats, it has always been worthwhile to trek out to the ball-park.

The championship has always been won by one of these two teams, and this year is no exception.

The Association's final decision to recognise the Recreio-St. Joseph's game as official, gives the Canadians a firm grip on the senior loop pennant, while at the same time the Saints are K.O'd.

This decision has been delayed for some considerable time, and it is a pity that the Association has decided to hand down judgment on the very day after the Saints earned a deserved victory over VRC, to put them in the running once more.

There is great dissatisfaction among fans and players alike, especially those from the Saints camp, who feel that the Association has been playing for time, and picked the wrong moment to shatter the Saints' hopes when their morale was at its highest peak. The whole affair has been shrouded in mystery.

The Saints who are directly affected have to date received no official notification of the decision, although the public is now well aware of the ruling, and to top it all, the President of the Association refused to divulge the results to a player of the Saints when he was asked the verdict the day following the important meeting.

Rapier's Selections For Today

Race No. 1
COLONIA
TRADE WIND
TOOWOOMBA BOY
Outsider: Countess Delight.

Race No. 2
JENNIFER
SHARPSHOOTER
SPEED WHEEL
Outsider: Busy Bee.

Race No. 3
ANYWAY
LANA
ARGENTINE MOON
Outsider: The Dingo.

Race No. 4
BRIVISTO
SEAFIRE
CARE FREE
Outsider: Tootle.

Race No. 5
SKYMASTER
GOLDEN DAHLIA
DUCHESS DELIGHT
Outsider: Shun Fung.

Race No. 6
CHIEF WITNESS
FROSTLIGHT
ARABIAN MOON
Outsider: Possibility.

Race No. 7
RADIOTRON
IRON MASK
REPUTATION
Outsider: Reuter.

Race No. 8
PRINCE DELIGHT
BIG SHOT
FLYING JIP
Outsider: Victorious.

Race No. 9
HIGH SPEED
POPULARITY
SHUN LEE
Outsider: Ringmer.

Race No. 10
KWONG YIU
AUTUMN LEAF
AUNT HING
Outsider: Dashing Beauty II.

Race No. 11
Magazine Gap Handicap (First Section): One Mile.
This is really the main event of the day and is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of 1949. Ponies that have won \$2,000 or less in stakes barred.

Newmarket Handicap over the mile carrying 150 lb at the last meeting, Skymaster (Mr. B. L. Tao) has again been allotted the same weight, and as it appears to be fitter than before, I cannot see anything to beat it. Golden Dahlia (Mr. H. S. Chong), winner of the Hong Kong Derby, One and a Half Miles on the third day of the Annual Meeting is also carrying 150 lb and should be prominent.

REVISED WEEK-END LADIES' SCHEDULE

CBA Ground, Sunday 10.30 a.m. Wahos vs. Wildcats JUNIOR LEAGUE Recreio Football Ground: Saturday 2.30 p.m. Vikings vs. Rangers CBA Ground: Sunday 2.00 p.m. Braves vs. Jaguars (Junior League play-off)

Starting Times At Fanling

The starting times for Golf at Fanling tomorrow are as follows:

OLD COURSE
9.04 M. Pollock v G. Wilson
9.08 R. G. Buchanan v G. W. Stewart
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NEW COURSE
9.16 Linker v Sommerfeld
9.20 Redmond v Lyall
9.24 Heath v Bone
9.28 Gordon v Cleland
9.32 Salabury v D. Hunt
9.36 Jackson v Blah
9.40 Davidson v Tan
9.44 Alton v Whelpton
9.48 MacIntyre v de Pina
9.52 Wong v Pringle
9.56 Jackson v Blah
10.00 Patterson v Miller
10.04 Bailey v Groves
10.08 Kite v Chau
10.12 Wallem v Vaughan

OLD COURSE
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